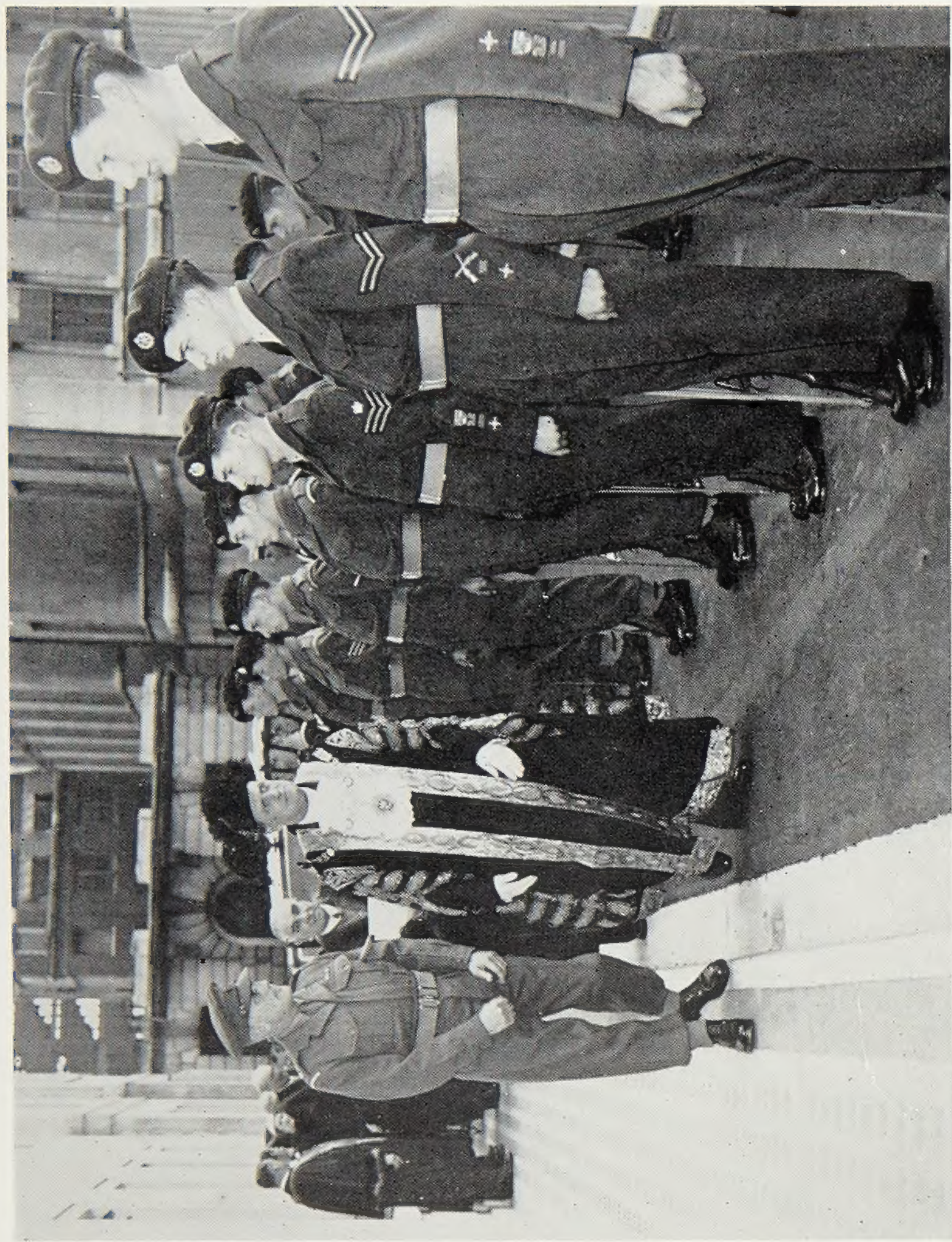


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THE OPENING OF THE HABERDASHERS' HALL

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Master of the Company and Major Hewson, inspects the Guard of Honour

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Editorial

How many of the readers of "THE SKYLARK" appreciate the activity on the part of its editors in extracting, preparing, and arranging the material for the School Magazine? Too many, we fear, take their School Magazine, like many other things, very much for granted. In presenting this issue, as an attempt at giving a comprehensive record of what members of the School have thought, felt and accomplished in many fields during the past six months, we wonder if any will be conscious of any new developments. We have aimed to produce a magazine which is not only an assemblage of facts for the School Archives, but a collection of writing and reporting which is fit to be read, and to be read in some cases with pleasure. The standard of writing in school magazines is often, for a variety of causes, mediocre; here, we have made some attempt to raise the standard, and our thanks are extended to those who have co-operated, and especially to those who have exerted themselves to produce the varied selection of original work that has been submitted for this edition.

Staff Notes

Members and friends of the School will join us in expressing heartiest congratulations to Mr. W. H. Crossman, B.E.M., B.Sc., J.P., Housemaster of Meadows and Master in charge of School Games, on the award of an M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June. The honour was given in recognition of services to the Air Training Corps in Willesden.

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The end of the Summer Term saw the departure of two members of the Science Staff, who not only in their professional work helped many boys to the University, but also made distinct contributions to the general life of the School. Dr. J. H. White, who is now Head of the Chemistry Department at Latymer Upper School, Hammer-smith, will be remembered for his support of many outside causes; for his guidance of the Science Society over a number of years, as well as for his instinct for singable hymns when he was at the organ in Morning Assembly. Mr. A. H. Brown, who was also very active in the School Choir and Operas, and who was latterly in charge of School Tennis, is now Senior Chemistry Master at Leighton Park School, Reading. To both we wish every success and happiness in the future.

Their places were taken at the beginning of the new School Year by Dr. D. F. Saunders, who, after graduating with First-Class Honours in Chemistry from Queen Mary College, London, has spent the last three years in scientific research, and by Mr. M. J. Newlands, Scholar of Downing College, Cambridge, who, after gaining a "Double First" in the Natural Sciences Tripos, has been doing research in blood chemistry. We hope that both will be very happy with us.

Congratulations to Mr. D. F. C. Thomas, on being selected to join the British Hockey Team for the Olympic Games, to be held in Melbourne during this Autumn; he will be playing as Centre Forward.

Mr. J. W. Dudderidge has again been appointed Team Manager of the British Canoeing Team. Many friends of the School will know that this will be his fourth time at the Olympics, firstly as a competitor in 1936, and later as Team Manager in 1948 and 1952.

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ARTHUR CUTHBERT DISBOROUGH

It has given the writer great pleasure to be in the position of being asked to commend to generations of Old Haberdashers and to those boys who are at present in the School, the great value of the services which "Disborough" has given to us all during the last 35 years. He came to us in September, 1921, when the facilities for the teaching of Science were somewhat limited. But from the start he settled down to give us all of his very best, and it is true to say that throughout his whole career he has never failed to maintain his own very high standards: he has been ungrudging of his time and he has

always been absolutely loyal. His contribution to the School in general and to the Science side in particular has been of the utmost value, and we are sure that many boys will remember him with gratitude—in fact many Old Boys speak to the writer in terms of affection and appreciation of what he did for them whilst they were at the School. The time has come when he feels that he must hand over; we regret this, for he has become such an integral part of the Science side.

Disborough has a right to be proud of his services to the country before he joined us. He was in the Royal Garrison Artillery from 1910 to 1919, and served abroad in France, from August, 1914 to January, 1919. He rose to the rank of Acting Quartermaster-Sergeant whilst on active service, and finally left with the substantive rank of Sergeant.

He then joined the Midland Railway and was engaged in looking after horses, which some may feel was a suitable preparation for his career as Laboratory Steward.

He leaves us with every good wish for his future—he has deserved the pension which we are glad to know the Governors of the School have seen fit to award him.

It is a tribute to his long association with us to say quite genuinely that we shall miss him very much. We hope that he will spend many more happy years in his retirement.

H. G. P.

De Omnibus Rebus

We announce with regret the death of Professor E. F. D. Witchell, who has been the representative of London University on the Board of Governors for many years, and also the Chairman of the Governors of the Hatcham Schools.

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We announce also the death of one who until very recently was a very familiar figure at School functions, the Rev. W. H. Braine, M.A., who was a Master at the School from 1905 until 1931, during which time he held the position of School Chaplain and Housemaster of Russells. Our sincere condolences are extended to his widow.

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Congratulations to the following on the award of State Scholarships as a result of the G.C.E. Examinations in July: L. Brittan, B. R. Lincoln and M. S. White of VIa (Mod.); and R. J. Farrand, B. W. Nash, N. A. Parker, B. A. Stark, M. J. Tarlow, C. R. Treleaven, of VIa & s (Sci.).

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Congratulations to A. C. Langmead and A. A. G. Woodford on gaining Cadetships at Cranwell.

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Congratulations to D. M. Coppin of last year's 5¹⁸, who has earned much praise for his models of soldiers of British Regiments.

All leavers were entertained by the Old Boys' Club on June 22nd, when the various activities of the Club were explained to them.

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An inter-Schools Social was held at the Hatcham School on July 6th, and was attended by members of the Sixth Form.

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The Headmaster was Chairman of the Student Christian Movement Conference, held on Monday, July 9th at Westfield College, and members of the Sixth Form attended the conference after their examinations.

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Congratulations to R. P. Lansdell on being awarded an American Field Service Scholarship, which enables him to spend a year in an American school; and also to J. H. Horrocks, who was selected to join the British Schools' Exploring Society's expedition this summer to Iceland. Both received generous grants from the Haberdashers' Company.

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We offer our congratulations to Adam's Grammar School, Newport, Shropshire, founded by William Adams in 1656, who, like Robert Aske, entrusted the "government" of the school he founded to the Haberdashers' Company. The tercentenary celebrations at the end of July included a performance of "The Pirates of Penzance," an exhibition of the life of the School, and the laying of the foundation stone of a new gymnasium by the Master of the Haberdashers' Company, Alderman Sir Frederick Wells.

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At the beginning of the Autumn Term there were 796 boys in the Main School, which included 183 boys in the Sixth Forms, and 140 boys in the Preparatory School.

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The School Play this year, to be produced by Mr. W. A. Nicholas, will be T. S. Eliot's famous verse drama "Murder in the Cathedral". It is hoped that the enterprise of performing this interesting mixture of the old and the new in drama will be rewarded by the support of many parents, friends, and Old Boys. The production will probably be taken on tour in Germany later in the year.

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M. D. Kustow has been appointed Editor of "THE SKYLARK".

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The next issue of "THE SKYLARK" will appear at the beginning of the Summer Term, 1957, and all material for publication should be in the hands of the Editors by March 29th.

Coming Events

December 20th—Carol Service, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 3 p.m.

December 18th-20th—School Play, "Murder in the Cathedral."
(T. S. Eliot).

March 26th-28th—School Opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore."

The Opening of the Haberdashers' Hall

The Worshipful Company of Haberdashers has been in existence for more than 600 years, and during that time it has possessed three different Halls, each one on the same site. The first was destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666. A new Hall was designed and built by Christopher Wren in 1668. This, however, and all the other premises on the site, were destroyed by enemy action in 1940, and it was not until 1956 that a third Hall could be completed.

Thus, to be present at such an auspicious occasion in the long history of the Company was an honour that was keenly felt by those boys who were at the opening ceremony on June 28th. A contingent chosen from all three sections of the C.C.F. formed a guard of honour under the fluttering flag of the Haberdashers' Company, to greet the Lord Mayor on his arrival, while the small choir under the direction of Dr. McLellan walked up the carpeted staircase leading to their places on a balcony overlooking the Livery Hall.

The view of this magnificent Hall from the balcony was most striking. Diffused lighting from above illuminated the oak-panelled walls, carpeting, and flower decorations, to create an effect of gaiety mingled with stately splendour. Along each wall were the colourful portraits and coats of arms of past masters of the Company, and behind the central dais were niches containing the ancient plate rescued from the previous Halls.

The Hall was full, as the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, entered with the Master and Wardens of the Company. In a brief speech of welcome to the Lord Mayor, the Master, Alderman Sir Frederick Wells, mentioned the birth of the Hall and several points of interest connected with it. Among these were the stained glass windows presented by the schools of the Haberdashers' foundation in evidence at one end of the Hall. The Lord Mayor, in return, praised the benevolence of the Company in all it does for its schools, and congratulated Major Ash, the architect of the Hall, on a very fine achievement—a remark which was warmly echoed by all who were present.

After the Hall had been declared open by the Lord Mayor, visitors were invited to inspect the adjoining rooms for themselves, and to partake of the excellent refreshment provided. This gave the boys an opportunity to meet the members of the Company and to

exchange their opinions of the Hall. These were unanimous, that every room was as colourful and splendid as it was useful.

All boys present were conscious of the privilege of being present on such an historic occasion, and all were hoping that, although other Halls had been destroyed, the one whose birth they had witnessed would remain as a splendid monument to the Haberdashers' Company for all time.

I. D. S.

Commendation Day, 1956

The July 27th sun smiled brutally as parents and boys drifted into place. The Military Band tried bravely to stir the limp air, but succumbed exhausted when it was announced that proceedings would be delayed by a few minutes.

After prayers by the Chaplain, Colonel Bull called on the Headmaster to give his report. Dr. Taylor welcomed Colonel P. C. Bull, D.S.O., Chairman of the Governors, Alderman Sir Frederick Wells, Bt., Master of the Haberdashers' Company, and Mr. Batchelor, President of the Old Boys' Club. Referring to the opening of the new Haberdashers' Hall, he was grateful for the invitation to a school choir and guard of honour to be present at the ceremony, "strengthening in this way the already strong links between the School and the Haberdashers' Company."

Among the members of the staff mentioned, the Headmaster paid special tribute to Mr. Small, who retired from full-time work last Christmas after 33 years' continuous service to the School. He was sorry to say goodbye to Dr. White and Mr. Brown, saying that it was a great blow to lose two Sixth Form Chemistry masters at once. He also referred to an unusual event which had just taken place in his room, when the Chairman of the Governors presented a scroll of honour to Mr. Disborough, who was retiring after 35 years' service as Laboratory Assistant.

Coming to academic achievements, the Headmaster was able to read out the record figures—eight Open Scholarships and Exhibitions to Oxford and Cambridge, 13 State Scholarships, 40 County Scholarships, three Cranwell and four Sandhurst Cadetships. Of the 120 leavers, 60 were going on to University or other places of further education.

The next main topic was games, with boxing heavily underlined, presumably not merely to distract the eye from the other sporting achievements of perhaps somewhat less ecstatic brilliance.

Reports of all school activities, said the Headmaster, were to be found in "THE SKYLARK," so that he would only mention a few. The Dramatic Society had a very successful run both in England and Germany, when "Julius Caesar" once again crossed the Rhine. Among the usual visits abroad, Mr. Cooper had taken a

party to Yugoslavia, Mr. Hewson to Switzerland for winter sports, Mr. Barling to France. Horrocks had been selected to go with the British Schools' Exploring Society to Newfoundland, and Lansdell had been awarded an American Field Service Scholarship to America, thanks being due to the Haberdashers' Company for their generous financial assistance.

The Headmaster made special mention of the School Charity, the year's contributions, including those for Remembrance Day and for the window in the Haberdashers' Hall, amounting to the record figure of £566. For this he was fully aware that parents were to be thanked as much as boys. He concluded by thanking his colleagues for their loyal service; and parents, Old Boys, the Chairman and the Governors, for a combined effort which had produced such satisfying results.

Colonel Bull, with his usual few, well-chosen remarks, thanked the Headmaster for his interesting report. Though accustomed to having wonderful years, he thought that this was the high-water mark, and that no other school could beat the record figures read out by the Headmaster, or the G.C.E. results of 209 Advanced Level and 636 Ordinary Level passes. He congratulated the Headmaster and his Staff, and called on the Master of the Company to present the prizes.

Fortunately, some clouds began to drift across the sun at this stage, and the audience had almost begun to revive as Sir Frederick Wells prepared to deliver his speech. After a few introductory remarks, conveying the idea that he was proud to speak to the School, he told an amusing joke before coming to the serious topic of education. He seemed to catch the general mood of satisfaction, praising Robert Aske, the present Board of Governors, and British education in general. He said that education was one of the greatest triumphs of this country and that it was up to us to carry on the Aske tradition. Finally, he did not deny his audience another amusing tale before concluding by asking the Headmaster for a full-day's holiday for the School.

An unusual event this year was the presentation to the School of a new Bible, given by the Old Boys. Mr. Batchelor, President of the Old Boys' Club, spoke a few words, saying that for him personally, and he believed for many other Old Boys, the greatest impression received at School was from the early morning prayer and reading.

The School Captain, D. W. Curtis, gave a vote of thanks, first to the Master, the Chairman, and the Governors, and to Mr. Batchelor and the Old Boys, for all of whom he called for three cheers, and secondly to the Headmaster and his staff, who had worked with such unflagging interest and devotion, and who also received three hearty cheers from the whole School.

The National Anthem was sung, and the assembly escaped to cooler regions, very satisfied with everything it had heard.

A. W. D.

THE EXHIBITIONS

This year, as always, there was much to occupy visitors between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. There were those exhibitions which indicated the type of programme pursued during the year, those displays prepared for the occasion, and a number of special performances of various kinds.

Among those in the first category were the Modern Languages and Mathematics exhibitions, and that of English Literature whose study, it could be seen, included works from Chaucer to Sinclair Lewis. The Economics exhibition, on similar lines, explained the mysteries of wages and prices.

Those subjects whose displays included models provided more scope for the imagination. Among these were Geography and History, the latter being especially notable for the brass rubbings, the neat arrangements of the projects, and the minute reconstruction of historical buildings; but it was the "schoolboy howlers" which intrigued parents the most. Most colourful, naturally, were the exhibitions of art, including handwriting and photography, and of craftwork, in which everything from a medicine chest to a cigar-box was to be found surrounding a pleasant arrangement of scarves.

In the science building the Physics exhibition was the most polished; one could gaze in wonderment at a cathode ray oscilloscope (constructed in the laboratory), or at a Van der Graaf generator which could generate five million volts. Modern valve techniques, including a transistor, were set beside a primitive crystal set to show how the electronic age was developing. In the Chemistry laboratories the visitors who were not interested in molecules were provided with indicators to play with, while they could sympathize with the juniors who were endeavouring to show how water might be softened. In the Biology laboratory the emphasis was on blood and beer; it was particularly heartless on such a hot afternoon to demonstrate the process of brewing (without samples), and to set out an array of certain tempting fruits unnecessarily labelled "simple succulent".

The demonstrations could be divided into two types: those which were continuous, such as weaving, printing and pottery-making, and the performances which took place at fixed times. It was inevitable that many of these coincided. This accounted for the regrettably small audience watching the coloured slides of the C.C.F., which were illuminating for parents in particular. Many were present at the "International Programme of Songs and Sketches". Under this proud title were included P. M. Oppenheimer's "Tirade on Noses," which further enhanced his acting reputation, a harmonious German choir, and a zestful Russian choir which, under the leadership of Mr. Todhunter, represented an important innovation in this year's School curriculum.

Evidence of the activity of School societies was abundant, and we would mention the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, notable mainly for enthusiasm, and, on a higher intellectual level, the Debating Society. Here again it was to be regretted that only a few came to

protest against letting the school "go to the dogs," but there was compensation for this in the distinguished presence and active participation of Mr. Maurice Orbach, M.P.

Finally, there were tennis and swimming matches for the sports fans; thus Commendation Day, 1956, demonstrated the year's activity in the sporting, academic, cultural and artistic fields.

L. S.

This year the exhibition of painting was a most varied and happy one. Water colours, posters, frescoes, sculpture, pen and pencil drawings, and examples of heraldic shields showed both the ability and interest of the School's art pupils. Especially arresting were some drawings by Weston (4²³), which showed good control of the medium; a near-surrealist poster by Chin (3¹); a painting of "The Fall of the Tower of Babel" by Avimax (3⁶); some oil paintings by Ebel, and water colours by Sluce, both of 6A(Sc.) There was also a selection of work by Pearce, whose work is referred to elsewhere in this magazine.

As usual, Mr. Keevil had arranged many paintings along the corridors of the Lower School buildings, making them a pleasure to walk through.

A. S.

PRIZE LIST, 1954-55

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Form Prizes:

Handwriting:

Reading:

Head Boy:

A. P. C. Allen, M. J. L. Day, P. H. Fellows, A. G. Foord,
D. M. S. Jones, A. A. Lockhart, P. N. Wood.
R. W. Fewkes.
R. W. Fewkes, N. C. Mason.
R. M. Valdar.

LOWER SCHOOL

Art:

Classics:

English:

Geography:

Handicrafts:

Handwriting:

History:

Mathematics:

Modern Languages:

Music:

Science:

Lower School Captain:

W. M. Elliott, A. E. Weston.
R. A. Collins, D. B. Gravatt, I. M. Torrance.
N. C. Brown, M. A. Hollington, S. G. Kahn, M. H. Karger, L. F. Orbach, R. D. Porta, G. E. Rees, D. J. Seaman, P. G. Sulston.
D. J. Cooke, A. C. S. Gardiner, R. H. Kingman, R. C. Rixon.
A. J. Burgoyne, L. Chin, R. S. Deakin, M. J. Hillyard, P. B. Jones, S. G. Kahn, C. A. Slinn, C. Wren.
C. J. Sola.
A. S. Hodgson, R. W. Hullcoop, P. G. Ramsay, P. R. Smith.
D. B. Gravatt, J. S. Yudkin.
A. Arnold, R. M. Lynn, N. F. Marley, I. M. Torrance.
L. Chin, P. M. Meier, A. A. Myers, P. G. Ramsay, D. J. Seaman.
J. H. Patrick, A. J. Simmons, L. D. Summers.
P. Mitchener.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Art:

Classics:

English:

Geography:

P. J. Creed, G. E. F. Strange.
C. Gray, R. L. Sekulin.
B. C. Beckman, M. J. Hitchcock, M. D. Kustow, R. L. Sekulin, D. J. Simler.
P. J. Ellis, G. F. Peterken, M. D. Young.

<i>History:</i>	M. J. Hitchcock, D. E. Ridgley, R. L. Sekulin.
<i>Mathematics:</i>	J. M. Henson, R. L. Sekulin, J. W. Steeds, M. A. Steel, P. L. Udell, J. H. Yeomans.
<i>Modern Languages:</i>	B. C. Beckman, L. Elstein, L. Goldstone, M. J. Hitch- cock, M. D. Kustow, M. A. Steel.
<i>Music:</i>	D. I. Garrod, L. Goldstone.
<i>Science:</i>	P. J. Ellis, L. Goldstone, R. L. Sekulin, J. Winney.

UPPER SCHOOL

<i>Art:</i>	A. G. Richardson.
<i>Classics:</i>	J. D. Fox, P. M. Oppenheimer.
<i>Economics:</i>	G. T. Wheal.
<i>English:</i>	L. Brittan, D. W. Curtis, J. M. Deaner, J. M. Hoare, P. M. Oppenheimer, A. Pearson.
<i>Geography:</i>	J. M. Hoare.
<i>Handicraft:</i>	B. P. FitzGerald, R. Humby, L. Loh.
<i>History:</i>	J. M. Hoare, M. Lipton, P. M. Oppenheimer.
<i>Mathematics:</i>	M. J. Long, M. J. Robinson.
<i>Modern Languages:</i>	L. Brittan, L. J. Clark, D. W. Curtis.
<i>Music:</i>	C. N. Stacey, E. A. Stacey.
<i>Science:</i>	C. W. Bradford, P. D. Church, J. B. Davies, R. J. Farrand, P. D. Lewis, A. S. Mushin.

SPECIAL PRIZES

<i>Haberdashers' Company:</i>	J. S. Mercer (<i>Divinity</i>).
<i>Haswell Charteris Black Memorial:</i>	N. A. Fuller (<i>Sport</i>), G. E. F. Strange (<i>Sport</i>).
<i>R. J. Spiers:</i>	D. G. Chapman (<i>Handwriting</i>).
<i>McPhaile:</i>	K. A. Thompson (<i>Joblings' House Prize</i>)
<i>Millard-Newton:</i>	M. Lipton (<i>English</i>).
<i>Lord Memorial:</i>	N. D. Dombey (<i>Mathematics</i>).
<i>Abson Memorial:</i>	J. D. Fox (<i>Modern Languages</i>).
<i>Stokes Memorial:</i>	M. J. Long (<i>Science</i>).
<i>Kemp Memorial:</i>	J. H. Routley (<i>Vice-Captain</i>).
<i>Stokes Memorial:</i>	N. A. Fuller (<i>School Captain</i>).

GOVERNORS' LEAVING AWARDS

G. Battson	R. S. Handscombe	J. C. Lord
R. A. Boyers	J. J. Holland	D. J. McLaren
M. E. Brown	M. L. James	A. E. Morris
C. Bryant	R. Howell	A. S. Mushin
P. D. Church	F. J. Kent	M. F. Neale
H. J. Clifford	C. A. Lang	E. J. O'Brien
J. B. Davies	J. P. Leff	N. Reilly
J. M. Deaner	P. D. Lewis	J. H. Routley
N. A. Fuller	M. Lipton	K. A. Thompson
J. K. Gaunt	M. J. Long	G. T. Wheal

Contributions

RAINDROP

Conceived on a spot,
 Fostered in emptiness,
 Clustered in nothingness,
 Bereaved from the sky
 To die in the sea—what
 To merge with the mass
 And surge at the loss
 Of a splash, they call—
 To die.

A. W. D.

“POPS”

An essay

The twentieth century has seen extensive intellectual activity. But a medium of philosophical thought hitherto unrecognized is that of the “pop” (popular song). Like many other aspects of our contemporary life, this is an American importation, but that fact in no way lessens its claim to be considered philosophically representative of the age. We must realize that a new thinker has appeared. Gone is the romantic dreamer, with his paper-white face and drooping-lily attitude. He is replaced by a virile young philosopher with his hair like a shaving-brush and his tie undone. This is the “pop” lyricist of Tin Pan Alley.

The lyrics which he writes form the popular art of the twentieth century, in the same way as a troubadour's song like “*Pourquoi me bat mon mari?*” was an example of popular art in the twelfth century. Such art always has a significance, and this I intend to show by means of an artistic and philosophical investigation of these lyrics.

Many of them have a haunting, strangely hypnotic quality:

“You can't be true to two, true to two, true to two, etc.,
No matter what y'do, what y'do, what y'do, etc.”

“They put me on the chain gang
Chain gang
Chain gang
Put me on the chain gang
All day long.”

These quotations, in their transparent simplicity, are deeply moving, and bear no small resemblance to that finely polished creation of the French poet, Louis Aragon:

“Persiennes persiennes persiennes persiennes persiennes
Persiennes persiennes persiennes
Persiennes persiennes persiennes persiennes
persiennes persiennes
persiennes persiennes persiennes persiennes persiennes.”

Laying aside aesthetic considerations for a moment, however, let us examine these songs for their philosophical content.

In an age of despair and frustration, these lyricists remain bravely optimistic:

“Things will turn out fine—T'MORRA!”

True, there are certain exponents of the philosophy who have not followed suit. Mr. J. Ray exhorts us to “Cry,” and Mr. S. Milligan, in that exquisitely turned ballad, poignantly reminds us that he is heroically Walking Backwards For Christmas, but on the whole this is a healthily optimistic philosophy, emphasizing the cardinal virtues, such as friendship:

“Whenever friendship shall be forgot,
Mine will still be hot!”

paternal devotion:

“O mein papa!”

and the sacred bonds of the Family:

“ One man, one wife,
One love through life.”

Occasionally the sentiments become dangerous. For example, in spite of the laudable respect for aristocratic society as judicious persons to be consulted:

“ Ask the local gentry
and they will say, it's element'ry.”

the lyric can descend to such vicious commands as:

“ Feet up! Bat him on the boko! Let's hear him laff!”

In an age such as this, when one can scarcely walk along the street for fear of being attacked by a fiend armed with a razor, such incitements to violence are to be strongly discouraged.

Furthermore, the reader is warned against accepting all this philosophy as highly original. It seems to depend on Wordsworth to a large extent; here is communion with Nature:

“ Say what y'll
The countryside is still
The only place where I can settle down.”

and here is “emotion recollected in tranquillity”:

“ And in December
Still glows the ember
Of my September
Love.”

Do not think for a moment that this is a static philosophy. It is in constant flux, and I am glad to report a new development which has arisen in the past few weeks. Hitherto, it was “love” that had attracted all the epithets, but now behold! “*true* love” (“is wonderful,” “is a many-splendored thing,” etc.)

Every philosophy has its splinter-faction, and such a role is played by the mysterious “Rock'n'Roll School” which, under the leadership of Mr. E. Presley, manifests the absolute inadequacy of language to communicate by standing no less than five miles from the microphone, singing as though its mouth were full of boiled sweets, and thereby making its every pronouncement completely unintelligible. This sect will come to no good.

Like the Romantics, the popular song has constructed its own reality, united in a crazy cousinship with our world. Apparently subject to the normal rules of logic:

“ Seven lonely days make one lonely week,”

it suffers from a deficiency of good clock-makers:

“ When the clock strikes ten, eleven, *two*,
I'll be going strong and so will you!”

and its children, though able to walk at an early age, do not get sufficient sleep:

“ Gee it's great after being out late,
Walking my baby back home.”

Escapism, however, is not confined to running away to an artificial world. There is an insistence on the exotic places of this earth: “Majorca, Isle of Love”; “Wonderful Copenhagen”,

"April in Paris". Would it not be more honest, in this sterling twentieth century, to remain more firmly anchored to everyday reality? We could compose homely songs like:

"Clapham Junction here I come,
Right back where I started from,"
or a "torch-song" entitled "Stinchcombe Choo-Choo!"

These, however, are but carping objections. The philosophy of popular songs may have certain qualities which merit rebuke, but these should not blind us to its potency. It fills us with a sense of well-being, of security, of immense satisfaction. We wallow in it luxuriously, gloriously happy.

But then we suddenly hear the fatal admission:

"I can't tell a waltz from a tango,"
and we are struck with icy doubt—our security is shattered; how can we base our life on a philosophy which is professedly at least semi-musical and cannot differentiate between the species of ballroom dance? We are gripped with that dread anguish which, our more sober philosophers tell us, is the scourge of twentieth-century man. Woe!

M. D. K.

STEAM

They stood there on the gallery, the big fat man talking quietly. His voice sounded like the hum of a powerful dynamo behind a thick brick wall. All the time the steam was rising steadily through the small circular aperture at the bottom of the cone-shaped casing...

"What about Vella?" purred the soft voice.

"Dunno," whimpered the small wizened creature at the fat man's side.

"When d'ya see 'er last?"

"Tuesday."

"Where?"

"At the club. 'Four Aces', off 62nd Street."

The fat man spat twelve yards on to the metal covering of the furnace, and listened intently to the hiss. He wiped his brow on a huge banana-coloured handkerchief, and swore softly in his soothing voice about the oppressive heat. The tiny creature at his side said nothing, but withdrew a little further into his companion's huge shadow.

"That's Morrie Tauciere's joint. He's tough," purred the smooth voice.

"Sure... he's tough," said the wretched creature uncertainly, from the depths of the vast shadow.

Silence. No movement save for the steam rising endlessly, continuously.

"He your friend?"

"I've worked for him," croaked the shadow.

"I'll kill him, soon," came the soft, smooth, reassuring reply. A shuffle came from within the black shadow. The big man did not investigate; he never looked at people while he talked to them.

"What time, Tuesday, did Vella show up?"

"'Bout two," came the husky reply.

The fat man seemed satisfied and once more wiped the sweat from his massive face with his banana-coloured handkerchief. He coughed. It sounded like a brook that purled over smooth pebbles.

"When'll Vella be down that hole again?"

"Never."

Once again the brook purled over the smooth pebbles. Then the big man turned slowly. He lifted the rat-like creature from its shadowy hiding place, one-handed. For a moment he stared at the shaking, sobbing figure, drooping from his massive hand. He strolled meditatively towards the metal cone.

The steam rose impassively to the vent in the ceiling.

The fat man looked once more at his burden, which was now a screaming, twisting animal, and relaxed his iron grip. The wizened creature hit the scalding iron cone and slid down to its edge. The fat man turned away, almost overcome by the oppressive heat. The smell of burning flesh made him cough; the brook purled softly to itself.

He turned once more towards the slow rising pillar of steam, and spat deftly onto a dark stain on the scorching cover.

D. B. M.

THE EVIL THAT MEN DO . . .

I think I had a premonition that something unusual was going to happen as I drew the curtains to shut out the night, and saw that strange light moving in the darkness. It was not so much the light itself, but its strangely beautiful luminosity and colouring.

Wondering what on earth it could be, I ran out of the house and into the wood towards the light. As I got closer, I saw that it was pure light and of no kind of material. It hung about six feet from the ground, and lit up the surrounding trees with a greenish light, while at the same time giving out a dull, regular beat. It was this noise which finally decided for me that I ought to turn back; but, when I tried, my feet would not obey and continued marching towards the glowing thing. Suddenly there began a humming which grew louder and louder, until I was forced to sink, paralysed in mind and body, to the leaf-covered ground.

My head ached. My eyes hurt. My whole body was full of pain, but my anxiety as to my whereabouts was so great that I painfully raised myself into a sitting position and opened my eyes. The result was amazing. Not only had my pain gone, but I was filled with a wonderful feeling of health. So, thus emboldened, I began to look around me. What I saw was in no way fantastic, and yet still gave the impression of strangeness.

I was lying on a couch of some rubber foam material, while the room, which was completely square, was otherwise empty. In one corner of the room was an archway hung with a gauzy

material through which I could see a corridor of similar appearance. Thus it was that I saw a man turn the corner of the corridor and come towards my room. He was a tall, well-built young man, who I should have said was about twenty-five. His simple dress, which came down to his knees, was a smock without sleeves.

On entering, he spoke but one word, "Come," but the infinite music which was in his voice took away all my fears and I went with him. We walked down the corridor and at last came to a room of more imposing proportions than I had yet seen. In it was a middle-aged man in the same kind of dress as my guide.

"Greetings," he said. "No doubt you wonder where you are, but I implore you, question me not and I shall explain all."

Then he crossed to a television screen, pressed a button and beckoned to me. On the screen was a picture of desolation. There was a city with towers, which had once been white, and buildings which had once been whole and good. Now they were smoke-blackened ruins, standing amid streets full of craters from which came forth a hideous glow.

"This," said the old man, "was once the capital of Venus. Yes, this is Venus." (This in answer to my start of surprise.) "Once it was the most beautiful city in the galaxy, but hate and fear and envy overcame it, and the ravages of the atom were unleashed."

He turned a knob and another picture, this time of fields, came into view. But in the fields crept vile and ghastly caricatures of men brought down to bestiality by the war which, the Venusian told me, had destroyed his whole civilization.

"I and my son are the only two left," he told me. "All the rest are either dead or . . .," he gestured towards the monstrosities on the screen. "Now the radiations are creeping nearer our stronghold." He pressed another button and a section of the wall slid away showing me the night landscape over which glowed a sight more wonderful than the Aurora Borealis, more dreadful than Hell itself.

"I have brought you here," said the Venusian, "to show to you what can be brought about by men when the power of the atom is within their reach. Such a time is coming on Earth, and only those who have seen its results will have the power to stop it. Go back to Earth and tell to all what you have seen on my planet."

Then he took me to a place where there were many glowing spheres. He operated a control panel and a sphere approached me, pounding and humming. Slowly I became paralysed, and as the glowing became greater and greater, I fell unconscious and saw no more . . .

The next night my brother and I walked in the wood, and he pointed to a solitary star in the twilight. "Look," he said; "it's Venus, the evening star, the star of Hope."

A. C. W.

BLIND

A willow leans
To touch the storm,
And breaks the bough
In weeping death.

A tired rose chokes
In clawing grey;
The petals fold
In stifled black.

Roar on, proud strength,
Look not behind;
The soft eyes curse
That you made blind.

A. W. D.

GOING TO CHURCH

Staying with an aunt in the pleasant little village of Duckford, I decided one Sunday to visit the Parish Church. As I crunched up the gravel path, the little parish church reared its grey, mossy walls just a little higher, and the spire pierced another layer of blue air. What happened next generally makes me want to run away and hide: a beaming vicar rounding the corner of his church to greet arrivals. But somehow, when I saw Reverend Watson for the first time, I neither froze with fright, nor ran away to hide.

"So you must be Mrs. Carter's nephew. I'm so glad to welcome you here to-day." As the words trickled from his mouth, I took a mental picture of him.

Reverend Watson was the sort of man who is outwardly likeable. As I looked him up and down, I saw a short, squat little man, enveloped in a close-fitting, coal-black gown. He wore a shiny leather belt with a bunch of keys around his waist, giving him the appearance of a sack of coal that someone had tried to tie at the middle. His shiny face, crinkling like creamy rubber when he smiled, radiated warmth. Thick-rimmed, tortoiseshell glasses were pushed lightly forward on to the bridge of his nose, and the blue moons of his eyes twinkled playfully over the top. Tinges of grey streaked his breezy hair, and thin, snaking bunches of it coiled gently over his forehead, a stockade around the shiny bald patch on top. The thin wiry lips parted freely, as Reverend Watson smiled winningly to his congregation. He rocked slowly up and down on his toes, and drummed fingertips against fingertips, as if he were trying to stick two halves of a coconut shell together without glue.

I made my way softly into the church, and a mustiness struck me full in the face as I walked to an ancient, well-varnished pew. Three boys sat at one end, safely hidden behind a pillar. I sat

down and my gaze wandered high up into the roof. Vaulted and decorated with intricate lacework, the roof seemed like a spider's paradise. In the half-light the network of beams was transposed into spiders' webs, and the larger beams into stems of a plant.

My eyes passed downwards to the windows. A lady in a hat with ostrich feathers barged her way quietly into my thoughts as she marched down to the front pew. The light filtered through the stained glass in five or six shades, playing across the rows of pews and faces. Dusty shafts found their way in through higher, clear-glass windows.

The organ wheezed a voluntary from the grey pipes at one end of the proud little building, and one of the two churchwardens walked up and down, depressing the central carpet with his thick leather heels. A door at the far end opened, and the whole choir swayed rhythmically out, closely attended by Reverend Watson, now in an immaculately laundered surplice which was too long. The congregation lurched forward from the pews and swung lustily into "The strife is o'er, the battle done." I glanced suspiciously towards the three boys who had been sitting in my pew, but angelic innocence smiled back at me. And so the service proceeded, with Reverend Watson singing happily, inspiring the villagers to proclaim their joy. Outside, a gentle breeze rippled among the saplings lining the church drive, and the birds twittered contentedly.

A little girl in a pink frock gripped the pew in front with a grimy hand. Her mother watched Reverend Watson as words trickled magically forth from the pulpit. A fat gentleman was no longer annoyed that the light played in his eyes and the organist sat motionless at her post. Reverend Watson's foam-rubber face crinkled into a kindly, Easter smile, and his fingers played hesitantly around a glass of water.

The daffodils at the side of the church pushed proudly erect as words of joy flowed soothingly round their golden heads.

A tear of happiness welled in Reverend Watson's twinkling blue moons . . . "And now to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost . . ." The laths of light streamed towards the choir, and bounced lightly off Reverend Watson's creamy face. "Jesus Christ is risen to-day" cascaded up into the roof, and a certain short, squat gentleman mopped his forehead.

I stood in the porch and shook hands with the Vicar of St. Giles, as happy faces swirled out, and blinked in the sunshine. A fleecy cloud floated high above and I gripped that hand warmly. Beads of perspiration showed on Reverend Watson's face, and he licked his dried, thin lips as he smiled to his Easter congregation.

As I crunched back down the drive, smiles surrounded me and a wiry little dog darted up and down, yelping to anyone to follow. As I looked back at St. Giles, and took in the scene, three words flashed through my mind: *Amor vincit omnia*.

A. D. R.

SATIRE

Once upon a time, many aeons and decades ago, there lived a group of lions on a small isle. These lions had always lived a very tranquil and serene life, and after they had got home from work in the evening, they might settle down to watch "Animal, Vegetable and Mineral" on television, or perhaps even saunter down to the "local" for a pint of bitter. Often, during week-ends, they would watch the village side play cricket against the Old Gaffarians or some other such team in the league, and then, after the match was over, would ask each other over for a drink.

But—one stormy night when the rain was coming down in torrents and beating upon the windows and roofs of the houses, with a force which made the windows bang and clatter and the roofs shudder, the tiny isle heard the terrible news, which made their hearts quake inwardly with terror, that the omnipotent eagles, together with their allies, were coming to invade these shores.

"We cannot endure this," cried the lions, "for a lion's home is his castle." And so, together with their animal companions, they rose as one and completely annihilated the foes, but not without a long and bitter struggle, in which there was much grief, pain and loss of life.

At home, there was tumultuous cheering and applause, when peace was announced and celebrations followed celebrations. No one thought of starting work; if a problem arose, it was left to the next day, and the next. Realizing that they had won the war, they didn't exert themselves to their full capacity, thinking that their conquered foes would pay any subsidy.

But, as time progressed, the old foes started to build up their country again and even refused to pay the cost of keeping up the armed tribes. Everything was paradoxical. The lions only gradually began to build; they still retained the old and utterly out-of-date system of allowing themselves the bare essentials, while, on the other hand, the vanquished became rich again. Consequently, the tiny isle started to fall behind in world markets, the respect for their name languished somewhat, as agreement after agreement was postponed or cancelled until a future date. Nothing was completed on time, trade slackened, even the annual game of cricket with the kangarcos resulted in a resounding victory for the latter. The lions were also overcome at lionball, whiteball, patball and tennis. Everything seemed to be going wrong for them.

Only very gradually are they starting to win back their long-lost prestige.

A. J. N.

A POET'S DESPAIR

"Why do you envy him who's not
Alive enough to want one word
To stop the hollow rot
Of never being heard

And therefore never being?"

"I strive to see to tell my life
To mind the trap between unseeing
Death and untold strife

That still may end in death in birth:
But words with embryo meanings once
Lie formed in autumn's mould

Deceiving what looked fertile earth,
And April frosts of stock response
Kill their being told."

P. M. O.

COXING

You sit there, glued to your seat. An impassioned young man in a cream blazer and multi-coloured cap manoeuvres his bicycle nervously. The seconds tick by and he fairly shrieks a ghastly "G-o-o-o-oh!" which seems to race ahead of him as it dies away.

You feel a tremendous kick in the back and the torment and agony is on. The strain and tension are resolved into plain blood and guts, and moustachioed gentlemen career dangerously along the bank. You look over at the other little man in the seat—he's gone—but no—he has just slipped up one place. The anxiety groans in your throat as a cracked voice rings down the megaphone. A sweat-torn face looks despairingly into your eyes, and you want to relieve its anguish. All the while the tremendous lunging causes a rhythmic kick-kick-kick in your back . . . must be blue with the bruises by now . . . where's the sponge-rubber that is supposed to stop it?

There is an almighty lurch and your heart turns over as you catch sight of a blade thrashing and struggling in the water, like some mighty monster. With a superhuman effort it is torn out of the foam and—but wait!—what is this in front? Your mind swims at the sickening thought . . . three hundred and fifty pounds . . . think of all the toil of the Fete . . . the broken crockery stand. The other little man has slipped back behind you, and his voice wails at you. The excitement swells, the trees race past, but you can't forget IT in front . . . after all, the Governors aren't made of money.

"Get out the (sanguinary) way!" roars from the bank, and a young gentleman, tie racing, gives moral support from his bicycle. Must be only a matter of yards now . . . a bearded gentleman turns

nonchalantly round and senses the imminent danger. A boom and a full white sail swing precariously round as you race past within a hair's breadth. A chorus of virile voices boil up with doubts as to the legitimacy of the bearded man's birth. But what's this . . . MUST they hire a motor-boat on *this* stretch at *this* time . . . when will the agony end? Your voice seems so loud that it becomes almost inaudible to you . . . the voice of a drunken man rings across the water from a beer-garden: "You dirty cads!"

You rock from side to side as a swell shoots under you, and you find yourself heading in the direction of the other little man. It's blood and guts all right now. A voice swears recklessly from not far across the water, and you realize your irrevocable sin too late. A jigging of blades and it is over, but you're still in it. Your trousers are soaked and there is water in one boot. The other little man is bellowing now, and the moustachioed men shriek from the bank. Your lungs are full of cotton wool and your back aches. Look at those eyes in front of you . . . give them rest . . . you can't drive them on . . . how pitiful they look.

A mighty structure and a pungent smell of beer confront you and a buzz crawls through your brain. The young man on the bank shrieks an ecstatic "Yes!" as his tie tugs and he pats back his greasy hair. The blades fold up, and it's over, you can give those poor eyes the rest they begged you for.

A. D. R.

SULPHUROUS FUMES

O, thou scourge of smokers wild,
Wert thou born a problem child?
Didst thy father see thee smoke
And thou saidst 'twere just a joke?
Did he cure thee once for all?
Or hast thou never smoked at all?

Hast thou never burnt the weed?
Never had a taste, indeed?
Thou art truly fiend enough!
Verily, thou makest it tough
For poor mortals now to drag,
Now to smoke the harmless fag,

Barracking with faithless answer,
This is all there is to cancer—
As if the price weren't high enough!
May I ask thee, be less tough?
I would like to see thee hung,
Thou, thou specialist of lung!

J. H. R.

A SIGH IS HEARD FROM CHINA

A sigh is heard from China,
As the Mahjongg tiles click to the
Woodpecker, whose shadow is reality.
The vision, bathed, I fear,
In this esoteric fantasy, rises
From the roofs, whose tiles are the veneer,
The tinted pictures of this oriental song.

First: the Bamboo Bird, the quail
Of faded brown and brush-stroked tail
Chirps in Chinese his song of peace,
And sits upon an upland clump of cane
Towards the occidental sunset listeners.
But who lurks behind the reeds?

Now! See! Nightfall and slumber wait
On daggerlike Red Dragon at Hell's gate,
The tile who peacockstrutting slays
And rules the thoughts of men
Under the sword. So poinard purge
Dooms writing with a stroke,
 under the cloak:
 Strike!

(So liquidation triumphed and reason broke).
And now what is left?
A purged purity, a whitened sheet
Without a character or sign of self,
Chimneyswept of individuality and art,
The White Dragon, ranked
In the number of the non-thinking brothers,
Unreasonable, conditioned,
And to real existence dead.

C. C. G.

ON SUNDAY

The noises of leisure pour into my
Aching head, and out again:
The nothingness, the barren of it all!
The autumn trees stand sorrowfully silent
In my view, the autumn footfalls, cars
And empty talk press on my brain,
When Sunday turns and asks the week
How it has fared.
The mute leaves quiver in the breeze
That slips beneath the greyish sky,
And I am lost
On a damp spirit day
In a wilderness of triviality.

C. C. G.

“ He careth for the sparrows ”
That happy little girl lies torn beside the kerb,
From her throat a whimpering of nightmare softness.
Too hurt to cry,
Too weak to scream,
She lies, feebly asking nothing, with shocked exclamations her
only sympathy.
The discordance of a bell.
“ God’s here, and all is well!! ”
The high-powered roar of a sleek, cream car
Gives sound above the noisy crowd.
Two white-coated men, and a red-coated nurse,
Without flurried alarm tell the crowd to disperse.
The nurse, bending down, with unfeeling hand touches the
child’s immobile heart.
She runs her hand across her head,
“ We’re here too late; the child is dead.” J. R. A. P.

THE END

One afternoon in the middle of June, as I was being watched by my friends, who thought it was their duty to visit a dying friend, I became suddenly relaxed. All at once the voices of my visitors whispering to each other did not annoy me any more and the details of their faces began to become distorted. My pain disappeared and I seemed to be in utter darkness.

Then I felt someone grip me by the hair, and tie my arms and legs together. As I was being dragged along I began to see in the distance a huge cylinder, which I could see had a fire inside, because the sides of the cylinder were glowing. By this time I was extremely anxious because I could not move, and when I tried to shout I found that I was dumb. I hoped by the light of the red-hot metal to be able to see who was holding me, but everywhere except for the cylinder was completely dark. Then I was lifted above the cylinder and dropped into the flames below. I was expecting to feel the intense heat and to fall on burning fuel, but instead I continued to fall and to feel quite cool.

Suddenly my arms and legs became free and a gentle hand held mine and I instantly felt very relaxed once more. When I looked around me I saw a friendly-looking man whose skin and clothing were faintly glowing. “ Don’t worry now,” he said, “ you are perfectly safe. The fire you saw was only in your mind; you thought that you were only worthy of that end. Our Master is kind and is willing to forgive everyone, because His love is wide enough to embrace the worst sinner and because it is His wish that all men should come to see Him as their Father. You will remain with me a little while and I shall help you to escape from this darkness into the light which is all around us.” My friend was very kind to me and he told me of his Master and of the higher way of life, and gradually my eyes began to see. B. W. N.

SPANISH ORALS

"Simler's turn."

"I expect you'll have number two," said Hounsell kindly, as I entered the first door; "it's a stinker!"

I walked along the passage—how, I know not. My legs just carried me thither. I arrived at the second door, the door which led into the examination room—THE room! I knocked.

(The conversation following takes place in Spanish).

A voice called out something, but I could not understand what. This inability to understand the first couple of words of my Spanish Oral somewhat unnerved me. I knocked again.

"Come in!" cried a voice, somehow a little harsh. I gingerly tried the door handle, and to my unbelievable horror, it worked. The door opened. Fool that I was! What had I done that for?

Seated at a table was a lady—I beg your pardon—a señora. She looked kind but slightly supercilious. She smiled at me. Opposite her sat Rutherford with an "anything-I-don't-know-isn't-worth-thinking-about" look on his face. The inquisitoress spoke.

What she said I do not know, but seeing that I was outside and that she was inside I presumed that it meant I was to come in, which I did. I hope that it did mean come in. The only other sentence suitable for the occasion was, "What is the score in the Test Match?" which I am sure she did not say. If she did, then my first words must have sounded irrelevant.

"Thank you, señora," I said.

"Ah!" she cooed, not looking at me, but at the table which appeared to be more interesting than me, "and what is your name?"

I was in a blue funk. "My name is Diego," I answered. My name had indeed been Diego—in the Second Forms. It had been a Spanish nickname. Since then it had been a great many things, but never Diego.

Meanwhile the Señora was vainly trying to find "Diego" on the examination list. I cottoned on to what I had done. Horror!

"I mean, of course, Simler," I said. I suddenly realized that the table WAS a very interesting piece of furniture. The Señora looked up.

"Ah!" she said. "Oh! Shgcou bleingcht?"

"Yes," I said, praying hard.

"Good," she explained, "Ha! Ha! Ha!" There was a pause. Was I expected to laugh, too?

"Now," she said, after an interval of three years, "prepare number four, please." She handed me a piece of paper with words all over it, and added, "Sit down until I am ready."

I did so, and looked at the passage I must soon read. It was,

most definitely, a frame-up. I have never, in all my life, seen anything so completely unintelligible as number four passage. I decided not to prepare it. Instead I would listen to what the Señora was asking Rutherford. I could hardly believe my ears.

"How old are you?"

"I am fifteen years old."

"Where do you live?"

"In Hendon."

"Do you like Hendon?"

"Yes, I like Hendon . . ." etc., etc.

It seemed to me that perhaps Hounsell had exaggerated when he had declared the examination a frame-up. If this was the kind of interrogation that had to be got through, then I wasn't worried. In fact, I was glad. A flow of laughably easy questions continued to pour from the Señora's lips; Rutherford glibly answered them all. A dead cinch, I thought.

Of a sudden Rutherford was gone, and it was my turn. Realizing that I had to read the difficult piece worried me; but I did my best to look happy and carefree. I rose and approached the Señora. I stood by a chair and waited for the "Please sit down."

After I had stood there for thirty seconds, it came into my mind that the Señora was waiting for me to ask if I could be seated. I don't know if she understood why I was not asking. I hope she did not, because the reason I was not asking was that I did not know how to ask. On the other hand it was obvious that before starting I had to sit.

The way I did it was elementary and pathetically obvious, but I did not lower myself to the extent of asking permission in English. No. What I did was to attempt to indicate that the chair was infected with Death Watch beetles. In other words, I began to tap the chair with my right hand, at the same time looking nonchalantly out of the window as if to make sure that the sun still shone. On glancing down for a second I saw the Señora fix me with a knowing eye.

"Please sit down," she said.

I sat down.

"Begin reading," she said.

I did so. I did my best. I mouthed each word to its most advantageous. I prayed that I might put the right feeling into every sentence. I sweated gamely on and, to my immense surprise and relief, finished. I waited for a denunciation of the grammatical bungling which I had just exhibited. The Señora spoke.

"You read that very well," she said.

Good Lord!

"Did you understand it?" she asked.

"No," I replied. This seemed to upset the Señora. She almost shed tears.

"Oh!" she said. Another pause. Then came a knock on the door.

"Come in," sang the Señora. In walked Steel. Steel grinned at the Señora, who went through the same business about preparing passages as she'd done with me, except that Steel said his name was Steel.

"Now then," the Señora settled to her task, "do you find Spanish difficult?"

Unfortunately I did not understand, and, thinking I had been asked if I liked Spanish, I replied in a sad voice, "No—but I like Biology and Chemistry."

The Señora was a mistress at the game and did not fall for the bait. She took a breath . . .

"Have you ever visited Spain?"

"No." I prayed that she would cease questioning me on Spanish things, and get on to what the date was, and where I lived, and so on.

"Have you ever visited any other country?" asked the Señora in a pleading tone.

"Yes," I replied, eager to get the thing done, "Germany and . . ." Good Heavens! What was the Spanish for Switzerland?

"Mmm?" prompted the Señora.

"Er . . ." I began, "I am afraid . . . rather difficult . . . er . . . country near Germany . . ." I was stumped. Quick as a flash the Señora wrote something down in a book.

"Was it Holland?" she condescended.

"No." I almost cried.

"France?"

"No."

"Belgium?"

"No."

"Switzerland?"

"Yes! Yes!" I almost shouted for joy. That was what it was. Switzerland! Hurrah!

"And did you like Switzerland?" she continued. Steel was sniggering in the corner. Curses!

"No," I replied, "but I live in Hendon . . ."

"And why don't you like Switzerland?" pursued the tormentor.

"Because of the rain. It was always raining," I answered, anxious to finish with Switzerland.

"You mean, 'it was always RAINing'," repeated the Señora. Well, of course I did. Hadn't I just said so?

"You said 'it was always CRYing'!" went on the Señora, with a pitying glance at me. She wrote something down in her book. "And whereabouts did you stay in Switzerland?"

"Interlaken," I answered bitterly. No flies on her.

"And did you climb the mountains?" I was asked.

"Yes," I replied, "the Jungfrau."

"You mean, of course, the Jungfrau JOCH," corrected my inquisitoress, in acid tones. That was what I'd meant. She continued.

"And so you climbed the Jungrau joch?"

"Yes . . ."

"What, when it was raining?"

"The sun shone," I said, "that day."

"Did you like Germany?" pursued the relentless female.

"Yes." "Yes." "No." "Yes." "No."

"Why . . . ?"

Good Lord, woman!

"Because there were children of my own age there," I said (Come on. What's the date? etc.)

"Where were you in Germany?"

"Stuttgart, Reutlingen, Mannheim, Heidelberg . . ."

"And what did you like about the cities?"

I racked my brain. What DID I like about the wretched cities?

" . . . the 'buses."

"Why?" Why? Why?

" . . . because they all go on the right side of the road." (How feeble).

"Why else?"

"Because they've electricity on the tops . . ." A pause. We looked at each other. At last she spoke.

"Goodbye," she said.

The ordeal was over. As I rose I saw in her face that "I'll-be-seeing-you-again" look. I stumbled out, murmuring goodbye. I closed the door behind me, and tramped towards the second door. As I opened it, a sea of nervous faces peered at me. Someone—Sutcliffe—was preparing to enter the lion's den.

"What was it like?"

"What questions did she ask?"

"Is it difficult . . . ?"

I took a deep breath; for me the worry was over. I began to polish my nails.

"It was," I said, "a cinch."

D. J. S.

[*The following contributions are from the Lower School*]

THE OUTSIDER

In the days of my childhood I lived in a dull and gloomy castle, many feet from the ground. The room or hall wherein I lived, slept and played, was unsociable and, at night, eerie. My only sights of the outside world were pictures in books, which were read to me by an old crone of ghastly countenance, who had a frightful leer.

One day, or it might have been night, for I remember not, I thought I would find the ways and means of the place where I lived, so I went up the stone staircase which I thought would lead to the top tower. Up and up I went and still no sign of a way out of this noisome place. And then I saw a marble slab ahead of me and here the steps ended. I pushed it, but the cold stone stared back at me as if to dare me to try again. I gave one more desperate heave and it gave way, and I scrambled through the aperture. To my horror and astonishment, I found myself on *level ground*. Around me white crosses and stones loomed out of the darkness, for it was night. I hurried along the path and out of the place in which I had my home. I made my way along the road until I saw the lights of a great house. It was a battlemented castle I faintly remembered, *but*—it was different. Now I saw new wings and lawns where I remembered stables and barns.

In the central hall I saw people dancing, but their costumes were different from those I remembered. I walked through the glass doors and, as I did, the people ran screaming. I saw one man pulling his wife along by her hair, for, in the stress of the moment, she had fainted. And yet, I could see no cause for distress. Then I saw—but cold words cannot describe what I saw. A mass of loathsome putrescence and the ragged garments of the grave. I was impelled to stare at the creature. I raised my arm to fend it off. As I did, the spell was broken, and I fled I knew not where.

Now I play with ghosts of the great Pharoahs over the vast sandy deserts. But I know they are not of me, for I am an outsider. When I had reached forward to keep off the creature, my fingers had touched *the glistening glass surface of a looking-glass*.

R. B.

DEATH MARCH

They wrap you up
In a clean white sheet,
And all goes well
For about a week.
Then your coffin
Begins to leak;
Worms come in,
And worms go out,

Come in thin, and
Go out stout.
Then your body
Turns ghastly green,
And your brain trickles out
Like Devonshire cream.

Examination Results, 1956

A & S LEVELS

VIA (Modern): M. Ashford (e,h,geo,g), R. G. Barber (e,h,geo,g), R. G. Blount (f), L. Brittan (E,H,g), M. A. Carmody (geo,m/sc), A. E. N. Curtis (g), P. S. D. Dorner (ger,h,g), A. W. Drewry (s,e,geo,g), P. J. Egan (e,geo,ec,g), C. M. Evans (f,e,ec,g), A. J. Fewkes (geo), D. Goldman (e,h,g), G. Jacobson (e,h,geo), J. P. Lansdell (l,e,h,g), B. R. Lincoln (E,H,g), P. W. Mitchell (Ger, geo,ec,g), J. Morris (f,ec,g), B. Newton (f,h,ec,g), G. K. Ogden (f,ger,ec,g), C. R. Ohrenstein (f,e), J. R. Parker (e,geo), D. R. Pearce (e,h,geo,g), J. A. R. Pinnells (f,e,h,g), R. D. Purvis (f,s,g), D. J. Saville (L,e,h,g), I. Scofield (f,e), L. Sebba (f,e,h,g), D. J. Smith (s,e,g), A. C. Solomons (f,ger,e), C. N. Stacey (g), P. Stewart (e,geo,ec,g), P. J. Stoddard (l,e,h,g), D. W. Taylor (geo), R. W. Thompson (f,e,h), D. J. Walker (f,s,g), M. S. White (F,E,H,g), G. A. R. Whittam (e,h,geo), G. J. A. Willment (f), P. J. Willmott (f,e,h,g).

(l = Latin, f = French, ger = German, s = Spanish, e = English, h = History, geo = Geography, ec = Economics, m/sc = Maths with Science, g = General Paper. Capital letters denote Distinction).

VIA & s (Science): N. D. Dombey (HM), P. Martin (m,p), A. K. Allen (c,z,b), G. H. Arnold (m/sc,p,c,g), D. G. Bancroft (c,z,b), R. C. W. Berkeley (c,z,b), C. W. Bradford (m/sc,p,c,g), J. R. Catford (m/sc,p,c,g), B. G. Cohen (m/sc,p,c), J. B. Cole (c), M. G. Dichlian (m/sc,c,g), A. P. Dorman (m/sc,p,c), R. J. Farrand (p,C,Z,b,g), B. P. FitzGerald (z,b), A. E. Fuller (m/sc,p,C), H. J. Godfrey (m/sc,p,c), D. C. Goodman (m/sc,p,C,g), C. A. Herbert (g), C. G. Hingley (m/sc,p,g), A. S. Hudson (p,c,z,b), M. R. Hunt (m/sc,p,c), A. C. Langmead (m/sc,p), L. Loh (c,z,b,g), T. Long (m/sc,p), R. G. Mann (m/sc,p), D. Marlborough (c,z,bio,g), B. W. Nash (M/Sc,p,C), N. A. Parker (M/Sc,P,C,g), R. B. Pringle (c), H. G. Purchase (c), D. J. Restrict (p,c,z,b), C. Ridge (c,z,b,g), M. J. Robinson (ec,m/sc,p), S. P. R. Rose (E,a), M. C. Ryan (m/sc,p,g), D. Sartain (m/sc,c), S. S. Shashoua (p), A. J. Sluce (m/sc,p), M. R. Smith (m/sc,p,c), B. A. Stark (C,Z,b,g), R. W. Stephens (m/sc,p,c,g), Ar. Swaminathan (m/sc,p,c,g), M. D. Sykes (m/sc,g), A. Szmidla (a,c,g), M. J. Tarlow (p,C,Z,b,g), C. R. Treleaven (M/Sc,p,C,g), L. A. Usiskin (p,c,g), J. A. Vogler (m/sc,p,c), D. Webster (m/sc,p,C,g), J. G. Wesson (m/sc,p,c,g), P. J. Weston (m/sc,p,c,g), J. L. Wigzell (c,g), A. A. G. Woodford (m/sc,p,c), P. B. Wright (g).

(a = Art, hm = Higher Maths, m = Maths, m/sc = Maths with Science, p = Physics, c = Chemistry, z = Zoology, b = Botany, bio = Biology, g = General Paper. Capital letters denote Distinction).

O LEVEL

The following passed in five or more subjects:

E. J. T. Acaster (7), A. G. Barnard (5), B. C. Beckman (7), G. C. Bird (6), M. E. Bradford (6), J. R. Bustard (6), S. P. Chalfen (7), P. J. Creed (6), K. B. Dunhill (7), P. Eisegger (5), P. J. Ellis (7), I. H. Elstein (7), L. C. Elstein (7), D. J. English (6), M. C. Fairley (5), A. R. Freeman (6), D. J. Gadbury (5), R. J. Grayson (5), J. W. Holland (8), C. J. Inchley (6), D. J. Kinniment (6), G. F. Peterken (7), J. M. Pike (6), D. Ridge (7), G. M. Rivkine (6), A. H. Roberts (6), B. Robinson (6), J. B. Root (6), J. D. Rutherford (7), C. G. Ryan (7), G. M. Segal (5), R. L. Sekulin (7), G. L. H. Shepard (6), D. J. Simler (6), A. C. Smart (5), H. S. Smith (5), M. A. Steel (8), J. P. Stovell (5), R. M. Summers (6), D. A.

Sutcliffe (6), M. R. Trevelyan (7), J. P. Turner (6), P. L. Udell (7), J. W. Valentine (6), N. D. Waldman (7), A. C. Wale (6), K. A. Walker (5), E. R. Wall (7), S. J. P. Waters (7), S. O. Whittam (6), M. W. Whittle (6), P. C. Yellow (7), J. H. Yeomans (7).

The following passed in fewer than five subjects:

(Some of these candidates have taken subjects at A Level also).

B. D. G. Antrobus (4), M. Ashford (1), J. K. Babey (4), K. R. Barker (4), N. F. Barnes (2), P. R. Bartlett (2), R. N. Bayston (2), J. M. Berry (1), G. P. Bigg (3), J. G. Boon (1), A. H. Briggs (1), R. H. S. Cattle (2), G. M. Charlesworth (2), J. A. Churchland (4), E. K. C. Clements (2), K. E. G. Coggins (2), M. J. Croft (1), B. R. Constable (4), D. M. Coppin (2), G. Cornwall-Smith (2), C. Craig (2), D. W. Curtis (1), K. L. Davis (1), R. M. Denyer (2), M. Devine (1), N. J. Downer (2), I. Dunn (4), I. Ebel (1), O. R. V. Edis (2), J. K. Edwards (1), C. Evans (1), R. B. Fairweather (1), J. W. Felton (1), C. W. Foster (4), J. D. Fox (1), A. J. Fewkes (1), A. Gordon (1), D. N. Gray (1), M. J. B. Gray (4), R. E. Griffiths (1), G. H. Harrington (1), P. E. Harrington (1), L. W. Hart (4), J. Hauxwell (1), C. Hay (3), R. Hesselberger (2), K. M. Hill (2), P. Horrocks (4), M. J. Hounsell (3), R. G. Howe (4), A. W. Johnson (1), G. Jones (2), K. W. Jones (2), J. C. Kelton (1), J. V. M. Kirkby (2), M. J. Kustow (1), R. P. Lansdell (3), J. P. Lansdell (1), P. E. Lawson (4), M. J. Lee (2), A. Leil (1), R. B. Lock (2), J. Long (1), C. J. Lyden (1), K. A. McLaren (1), D. B. Mercer (1), P. E. Moran (2), G. A. L. Neale (4), J. Morris (1), B. W. Nash (2), P. M. Oppenheimer (2), D. S. R. Parker (3), C. R. Ohrenstein (1), P. M. Pollak (1), J. L. Quelch (1), M. J. Read (4), J. M. Redpath (1), N. Reilly (1), A. D. Ritchie (1), J. M. Robson (4), J. H. Rose (1), W. G. Rushworth (2), C. A. St. John (1), M. J. Sanders (3), M. R. Sayer (3), J. H. Shaw (2), D. M. Shewry (1), A. N. Simpson (4), D. J. Saville (1), P. J. Steed (1), C. N. Stacey (1), B. A. Stark (2), G. E. F. Strange (3), Ar. Swaminathan (4), D. W. Taylor (1), T. R. Treadwell (1), C. D. Webb (4), D. J. Whitehead (4), J. R. Whittenbury (2), J. Winney (1), M. R. Witheridge (4).

Candidates at O Level achieved passes in the following:

Scripture (1), English Language (86), English Literature (78), History (43), Geography (19), Latin (20), French (37) and French Oral (51), German (12) and German Oral (25), Spanish (12) and Spanish Oral (24), Russian (4) and Russian Oral (5), Maths. (*Elementary*) (62), Maths. (*Additional*) (17), Physics (38), Chemistry (36), Biology (38), Art (6), Music (2), British Constitution (15), Economic Structure (15), History of Science (1).

School Concert, 1956

Those who came to the School Concert in 1955 were, according to a previous edition of "THE SKYLARK," "many but not enough"; this, at any rate, could hardly be repeated of the concert given in the School Hall on Tuesday, May 29th. In fact, not only was the gallery crowded (partly, it must be admitted, with performers "off duty"), but the sliding partition between the platform and the Prefects' Room had to be opened to provide further accommodation!

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the concert from the musical point of view was the substantial number of excellent instrumentalists from all parts of the school, whose standard of playing was, as a whole, rather higher than that of the pianists. From the Lower School there were two violinists (I. F. Archbold and P. E. Voigt), two 'cellists, D. Angadi and B. P. Chester, the latter achieving a particularly fine tone in his playing of the *Sicilienne* by Paradis, and a cornet player, N. Grant, who gave a

wholly admirable performance of the Andante from Haydn's Trumpet Concerto. In the Upper School, the variety of instruments was greater: M. Ryan opened the programme as soloist in Purcell's Trumpet Overture, and P. B. Wright (who is a member of the National Youth Orchestra) gave a confident rendering, on the euphonium with organ accompaniment, of the Second Movement of Vaughan Williams' Tuba Concerto: this piece proved somewhat difficult for the listeners to grasp, especially as it was played in isolation from the orchestra as well as from the rest of the Concerto! There were two woodwind soloists, C. N. Stacey being a sensitive flautist. Among the string players, A. J. Sluce demonstrated considerable ability in dealing with a tricky piece from Vaughan Williams' Viola Suite, while L. Goldstone, whose virtuosity was already acclaimed last year, richly deserved his prolonged applause: his tone was perhaps at its finest in the Haydn Quartet, but many of us felt that we should have liked to hear him play the whole of the Mozart Concerto, and not simply the first movement. All these soloists formed the basis of the two orchestras. The creation of a second (Junior) orchestra is a notable achievement, and all those concerned must be heartily congratulated, both on the fact of its formation, and on its pleasing performance at its first concert.

Of the piano solos, the cutstanding ones in each half of the programme were pieces by Bach; from the Lower School, L. Chin was conspicuous for his firmness and confidence of approach, while, from the seniors, A. S. Hudson well maintained the very high standard that we have come to expect from him after all his previous performances. His technique in the Toccata and Fugue was superb, his wrists being almost perfectly firm and relaxed. A special word of praise must be given to R. G. Blount, not only for his own solo item, but for his first-class accompanying at numerous times throughout the evening.

The programme as a whole was well arranged and presented, and the evening was brought to a fitting climax by the combined ensemble of orchestra, choir and organ at the close. Apart from an excessive modesty and untheatricality among the majority of the soloists in the taking of bows, the only fault was the practically inevitable excess of short piano solos in the first half. But this concert, after all, as well as being a concert, is something in the nature of an exhibition of school music, and it is only right that all those whose standard of musicianship merits their taking part should do so.

P. M. O.

PROGRAMME

PART I

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| 1. Trumpet Overture | Purcell |
| The First Orchestra—Solo Trumpet: M. RYAN | |
| 2. Piano—Study in F | Thomas Dunhill |
| R. J. PASCALL | |
| 3. Piano —A Strange Story | Heller |
| M. J. BARBER | |

4. Violin Duet—Rondo Op. 48 *Playel*
I. F. ARCHBOLD and P. E. VOIGT
5. Piano—Study in C min., Op. 100, No. 15 *Burgmuller*
S. J. LINES
6. Piano—Für Elise *Beethoven*
R. PORTA
7. Cello—(a) A Quiet Tune; (b) A Martial Tune *Adam Carse*
D. ANGADI
8. Piano—Courante *J. S. Bach*
L. CHIN
9. Piano—Andante in A *Bertini*
M. J. BURMAN
10. Piano—Courante in F *Handel*
R. K. McLELLAN
11. Cornet—Andante from Trumpet Concerto *J. Haydn*
N. GRANT
12. Piano—Humoresque, Op. 31, No. 1 *Alec Rowley*
A. M. MAY
13. Piano—Rondo Alla Turca *Burgmuller*
C. D. MAIR
14. Cello—Sicilienne *Paradis*
B. P. CHESTER
15. Piano—Sonata in F min., 1st Movement *Beethoven*
D. J. SEAMAN
16. Trepak *Prosper Morand*
THE SECOND ORCHESTRA

PART II

1. Occasional Overture—(a) Maestoso; (b) Allegro *Handel*
THE FIRST ORCHESTRA
2. Piano—Golliwog's Cake Walk *Debussy*
P. G. RAMSAY
3. Piano—Fantasia in D minor *Mozart*
N. C. BROWN
4. Viola—Christmas Dance from Viola Suite *Vaughan Williams*
A. J. SLUCE
5. Piano—Waltz in E minor *Chopin*
M. R. HUNT
6. Quartet in D, "The Lark" *Haydn*
1st Violin: L. GOLDSTONE, Viola: A. J. SLUCE,
2nd Violin: B. M. BARBER, 'Cello: J. H. ROSE
7. Piano—2nd Movement Sonata No. 5 in G *Beethoven*
L. L. HAMPSON
8. Clarinet—(a) Prelude; (b) Scherzo from Four Short Pieces *Howard Ferguson*
P. N. MEIER
9. Piano—A Passing Storm *Walter Carroll*
J. D. HUGGINS
10. Pianoforte Trio No. 1 in G; Rondo *Haydn*
Violin: L. GOLDSTONE, 'Cello: J. H. ROSE,
Piano: A. S. HUDSON
11. Euphonium—Tuba Concerto, Second Movement, "Romanza" *Vaughan Williams*
P. B. WRIGHT

12. Piano—First Movement: Allegro Con Brio from Sonata No. 4 in D
R. G. BLOUNT *Haydn*
13. Flute—Sonata No. 1 (a) Largo; (b) Presto *Haydn*
C. N. STACEY
14. Piano—Toccata and Fugue in D Minor *Bach-Busoni*
A. S. HUDSON
15. Violin—Concerto in A Major *Mozart*
First Movement, Allegro, L. GOLDSTONE
16. (a) Choir: How goodly are Thy tents *Ouseley*
(b) Choir, Orchestra and Organ—Recit.: In Splendour Bright *Haydn*
Chorus: "The Heavens are Telling" from "The Creation"
- Soloists:
- Treble: N. C. BROWN, Tenor: R. B. CANN, Bass: Mr. R. KEEVIL
- GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

"Wenn Engel Fliegen . . .

. . . So gibt es schönes Wetter ". It would be difficult to account for the extraordinary spell of fine weather we enjoyed over Whitsun this year if we did not believe that our German visitors chose to travel at the same time as the angels. For on May 11th, the beginning of the hot spell, we were glad to welcome to London a party of boys from Baden-Württemberg, consisting of ten boys representing the Rudergesellschaft Heidelberg, as part of an exchange with the School Boat Club started two years ago, and twenty-two boys from Mannheim, one of the places where the School play was taken last January. Dr. Schubert and his wife, already well-known to the cast of "Julius Caesar," Herr Rohrmann, the Heidelbergers' rowing coach, and his daughter, accompanied them.

On Saturday the group saw something of Westminster; on Tuesday, Mr. Browning took them over the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Hall and the Abbey, and in the afternoon, while the rowers practised at Twickenham, the others visited the Headquarters of the London Fire Brigade. Next day they found the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace both interesting and amusing, and in the afternoon the Mannheim boys went to the Royal Mews. Friday morning was "free for sightseeing"; for the afternoon, a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London, and a journey by river-bus from there to the South Bank were arranged. Our visitors were astonished by London's size—brought home to many of them by the rapid disappearance of their fare money, the quantity of the traffic—and its discipline. The dirtiness of the Thames, the politeness of the policemen and the cheapness of the chocolate impressed them, nor are they likely to forget those dark-suited, bowler-hatted gentlemen they saw walking along with rolled-up umbrellas and newspapers under their arms.

Our visitors attended School Assembly on Monday, May 14th, to be welcomed to the School by the Headmaster; in reply, Dr.

Schubert said he felt it an honour to be here, and hoped the contact would be a lasting one. Our guests were struck by the school uniform and the morning service in the hall, which do not feature in German school life; neither do organized games, and they envied us our sports facilities.

Later in the day, the party went on a coach trip to London Airport; to Windsor, where one young Haberdasher fell into the river, and to Eton, where they were amused by the top-hats and had tea; the trip was described as "splendid". On Thursday they went to Stratford-on-Avon, returning to have tea at Oxford.

Friday evening saw our visitors at a concert in the Royal Festival Hall, and they were very much impressed by the building and the view along the river from it; the performance, too, was described by my guest as "wonderful", but the concert itself, consisting of three piano concertos, was criticized by some for its length—it did not end until half-past ten.

The weather was still pleasantly warm when, on Saturday afternoon, the Rudergesellschaft Heidelberg and the School Boat Club took part in the Thames Ditton Regatta. In the London Rowing Clubs' Challenge Cup, the German crew—in a boat in which, one of the masters said, he would not like to be taken to his funeral—lost to Burway Rowing Club, who subsequently won the final; while the School Boat Club, after beating the City of London School Boat Club, lost in the semi-finals to the unsuccessful finalists. Once more a member of the School fell in the river. At the end of the regatta the members of the Rudergesellschaft were presented with a commemorative card.

After a free Whit Sunday, Whit Monday dawned somewhat too hot for the Willesden Regatta on the Welsh Harp, in which our visitors also took part. Here in the School Eights race, the School Boat Club beat the Rudergesellschaft Heidelberg by three-quarters of a length in a very exciting race, and went on to beat Quintin School Boat Club by a similar margin. At the end of the proceedings, both crews had tea with Dr. Taylor and Mr. Crossman, when A. J. Fewkes, on behalf of the School Boat Club, presented the Heidelberg Rudergesellschaft with a School shield, and received from them the flag and framed memento which have since adorned the School Hall.

For Tuesday, May 22nd, the programme revealed a "Stadtbummel für alle"; and the weather was still fine when all assembled at Liverpool Street Station at about seven o'clock in the evening to make our final farewells before the train departed at ten minutes past eight.

Thanks are due to Mr. Browning, Mr. Baber and Mr. McMinn, to whose patient organization and exhortation the visit very largely owed its success.

M. J. H.

English Speaking Board Examination

MONDAY, MAY 28th

Small boys and eager faces. Twitching fingers, nervous coughs, loud voices, soft voices. Harsh voices, quiet voices. Voices that stumbled and forgot their words; voices that mumbled and lost their words. Voices full of self-confidence. Voices that knew that they were good; voices that hoped that they were good. Vowels that lost themselves. Vowels that were strangled at birth. Vowels that twisted themselves into all sorts of peculiar shapes. "T"s and "D"s that clumped with foreign accents across the teeth, instead of tripping lightly (English fashion) over the dental ridge. "S"s that spat with anger. "S"s that lisped with shyness. And "L"s, such nasty little things that slithered in and out, defying even the most elocution-conscious of us, for this was the day of the English Speaking Board Examination.

Most people who take this examination usually contrive to enjoy some part of it; but there's no denying that it can be very nerve-racking at times. As you sit there waiting for your turn, you can feel tiny little creatures doing a highland fling in your stomach. You forget the poem you've learned, and, in the same way that the man with a noose round his neck knows what will happen when the trapdoor is opened, you know that you will not be able to answer one question that the examiner asks; but, when you get up to say your piece, you find that it all comes quite naturally: the poem flows out, and the questions are as easy as can be.

Apart from the enjoyment, however, there is a good deal to be gained from these examinations. One gains confidence to stand up and speak in public, to speak clearly and sensibly. Not a little of this is due to the examiners: these tireless people put candidates at their ease, encourage them to give of their best, and provide most helpful remarks as to how they can improve their speech.

Holding the high post of representative of "THE SKYLARK," lofty though my indifference may have seemed, I found that there was a great deal to arouse interest: the different ways in which different boys tackled the same poem, the varied readings from the "set" books, and especially the wide variety of "personal choice" contributions, which ranged from poems by Stevenson to books by Steinbeck, from Philately to London's Water Supply.

Finally, a word of thanks to the Masters who arranged the details, and congratulations to all candidates who passed, especially to J. E. Cowan, F. J. G. Richards and J. R. Pinnells, who gained Distinctions, and a hope that D. S. Angadi will one day make his contribution to the School Dramatic Society.

D. G.



“ BOLZANO ”

Photographic Society Competition—Winning Entry by R. Stoker



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1st XI, 1956

Standing: J. BOON, M. R. HUNT, N. HEALEY, J. A. DABBY, J. M. REDPATH, R. D. PURVIS.
Seated: A. E. FETTER, I. D. SCORFIELD, D.W. CURRIE (Captain), H. G. PURCHASE, M. S. WHITE.

RESULTS

Examiner: Miss Audrey Bullard, L.R.A.M.

JUNIOR, GRADE IV	Pass	D. S. Angadi.
SENIOR, GRADE I	Distinction	J. E. Cowan.
	Credit	M. Lochner.
	Pass	C. Dunkley, L. S. Kanaber, P. Riddy, P. M. Smith, P. B. Woolstone.
SENIOR, GRADE II	Credit	F. H. Stewart, C. Wren
	Pass	D. Baker, P. G. Inchley, S. J. Hollis, I. R. Ireland, P. A. Levi, G. H. King, J. Tarlow, I. M. Torrance.
SENIOR, GRADE III	Distinction	F. J. G. Richards.
	Credit	M. J. Birch.
	Pass	S. Barratt, N. C. Brown, R. Pace, W. A. Wells.
SENIOR, GRADE IV	Credit	B. R. Constable.
	Pass	P. E. Lawson, P. L. Udell.
ADULT, GRADE I	Distinction	J. R. Pinnells.
	Pass	R. B. Fairweather, A. J. Newton.
ADULT, GRADE II	Pass	B. W. Nash, M. C. Ryan.
ADULT, GRADE III	Credit	D. Goldman.
	Pass	J. S. Mercer.

Cricket

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This season has been a disappointing one. Last year's results suggested that school cricket was improving, but although the standard of play has perhaps been higher than last year, only the 3rd XI have produced a really good record.

The weather has been very unco-operative. Three 1st XI matches were completely rained off, while another was seriously curtailed. Moreover, illness at Monmouth caused our match there to be cancelled.

As last year, the School started the season quite well. Until the M.C.C. match, the 1st XI had won one and lost one game. The remaining draws included an excellent match with St. Dunstan's College, a very strong side this year. After a heavy defeat to a strong M.C.C. side, three very exciting matches followed. Brentwood beat us with five minutes to spare, having scored 70 in 25 minutes with a magnificent display of controlled hitting against fairly tight bowling. A strong City of London School side beat us on a real "sticky" in a low-scoring game where the winning of the toss was vital.

Again this season the batting lacked spirit. I. D. Scofield was eventually chosen to open with A. E. Fuller and they always gave the innings a good start. But, except for N. Healey, the remaining batsmen lacked the necessary patience and concentration, and too often surrendered to inoffensive bowling. The tail was longer than it seemed on paper, and folded up on most occasions.

The bowling was shared fairly equally among four bowlers, with the addition of T. M. Treadwell in the last four games. The

opening attack is to be congratulated in that only the M.C.C. and Brentwood passed 10 before losing a wicket. However, both J. A. Darby and J. Redpath bowled a lot of loose balls to new batsmen. I. D. Scofield took the most wickets, but too often lost his length at vital stages of the game. M. R. Hunt was very difficult to hit and often removed settled batsmen.

The fielding compared well with all our opponents', and M. S. White had his best season yet behind the stumps.

The 2nd XI had a better season than their record suggests. J. G. Wesson as captain earned the praise of several opponents by reviving games with sporting declarations. C. Bradford was the most successful batsman, while M. R. Searby looked very mature and capable of intense concentration. D. English swung the ball appreciably both ways and was too much for many batsmen.

The 3rd XI had its usual good record. A. E. N. Curtis captained the side with great enthusiasm, while J. Churchland's aggressive batting paid dividends.

The Colts XI, captained in turn by J. Coombes and J. D. Harris, was a young side, and did not live up to last year's record. But the right spirit was there, and a little more experience will produce good results from these players. P. Brasier had two good scores, while J. D. Harris proved himself a useful all-rounder.

Prospects for next season are good, with several of this season's more successful 1st XI members staying on to provide a solid nucleus.

Thanks are due to all the members of the staff who have given up so much of their spare time, in particular, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Crossman and Mr. Galley. May I thank also the kitchen staff for maintaining their high standards, and those boys who have acted as scorers.

D. W. C.

1st XI CHARACTERS

- D. W. CURTIS—An able Captain with sound qualities on and off the field. He has always set an example of keenness but until the latter end of the season he did not appear too happy at the wicket where he has a great preference for strokes on the leg side. T. E. C.
- I. D. SCOFIELD—As vice-captain he has been very helpful and enthusiastic. An opening batsman this season, he has been consistently successful. His leg-breaks and googlies are very dangerous, though at times his length has completely gone. Very safe in the field.
- J. BOON—A neat left-handed batsman. Could use his feet more, particularly against spin-bowling, to counteract his short reach. His fielding improved considerably.
- J. A. DARBY—A useful medium-pace bowler who uses the seam well and often took a vital early wicket. A safe fielder.
- A. E. FULLER—By far the most improved player in the side. He has given the innings a sound and fast start, with the square-cut his most prolific scoring stroke. A good gully fielder.

- N. HEALEY—A much-improved batsman with praiseworthy patience and concentration. He has, with experience, considerably mastered his weakness against slow bowling. A very reliable cover-point.
- M. R. HUNT—A very steady medium-paced bowler, whose action is well worthy of imitation. His batting has been disappointing, but he has taken several good catches.
- H. G. PURCHASE—An attacking bat, whose footwork is very effective against slow bowling. An excellent field with a lightning return, that has discouraged short runs.
- R. D. PURVIS—When set, he drives and cuts well, but is often over-confident early on. A good slip-fielder.
- J. REDPATH—The only genuine fast bowler in the side. He tends to let batsmen settle in early in the innings, by bowling too many “sighters” down the leg side. Safe in the field, with a good throw.
- T. M. TREADWELL—He came in the side late in the season. A steady left arm bowler, but lacking in imagination. He swings the bat unashamedly.
- M. S. WHITE—He compares well with any opposing wicket-keeper. He has coped well with some erratic bowling, whilst taking some brilliant catches and stumpings. A sound bat.

The occasional services of D. English and H. J. Horrocks are gratefully acknowledged.

TEAM MAKE-UPS

1st XI
 *D. W. Curtis (*Capt.*)
 **I. D. Scofield (*Vice-Capt.*)
 ††J. Boon
 †J. A. Darby
 *A. E. Fuller
 *N. Healey
 ††M. R. Hunt
 *H. G. Purchase
 ††R. D. Purvis
 ††J. Redpath
 *M. S. White
 *Denotes 1st XI Colours

3rd XI
 A. E. N. Curtis (*Capt.*)
 K. R. Barker
 J. A. Churchland
 M. C. Fairley
 J. Felton
 B. Newton
 B. Robinson
 I. Smart
 P. J. Steed
 A. Swaminathan
 J. Wigzell

2nd XI
 †††J. G. Wesson (*Capt.*)
 ††J. R. Bustard
 †C. Bradford
 †R. Cann
 †D. English
 ††H. J. Horrocks
 †D. B. Mercer
 †D. Ridgley
 †M. R. Searby
 †T. M. Treadwell
 †P. J. Willmott
 †Denotes 1st XXII Colours

Colts XI
 J. D. Harris (*Capt.*)
 P. Brasier
 E. M. Carrington
 B. Constable
 J. Coombes
 A. J. Edwards
 P. Eschrich
 S. Lamb
 P. Lane
 A. Lawson
 M. Steele

AVERAGES

BATTING	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
I. D. Scofield	11	0	198	35	18.00
A. E. Fuller	11	0	153	38	13.91
N. Healey	11	2	122	34	13.56
R. D. Purvis	7	0	78	63	11.14
BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
I. D. Scofield	127.1	26	361	29	12.45
J. A. Darby	76	23	188	13	14.47
M. R. Hunt	79	21	211	14	15.01
J. Redpath	91.4	27	202	13	15.54

1st XI RECORD

- May 5th v. Bancroft's School (Home).* Result: Match Drawn.
H.A.H.S. 98 for 9 dec. (Healey 34, Purchase 30). Bancroft's 46 for 5.
- May 23rd v. St. George's, Harpenden (Home).* Result: Won by 98 runs.
H.A.H.S. 165 for 7 dec. (Purvis 63, Boon 35). St. George's, Harpenden 67.
- May 26th v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet (Away).* Result: Match Drawn.
Queen Elizabeth's, 127 for 9 dec. H.A.H.S. 62 for 7.
- May 30th v. Trinity School (Home).* Result: Lost by 6 wickets.
H.A.H.S. 78. Trinity School 79 for 4.
- June 2nd v. St. Dunstan's College (Home).* Result: Match Drawn.
H.A.H.S. 89 for 5. St. Dunstan's College 120 for 7 dec.
- June 6th v. Chigwell School (Away).* Result: Match Drawn.
Chigwell 108 for 6 dec. H.A.H.S. 66 for 2 (Fuller 38).
- June 9th v. St. Alban's School (Home).*
Match cancelled owing to rain.
- June 16th v. Emanuel School (Away).*
Match cancelled owing to rain.
- June 20th v. M.C.C. (Home).* Result: Lost by 169 runs.
H.A.H.S. 43. M.C.C. 212 for 6 dec. (Darby 5 for 58).
- June 23rd v. Royal Masonic School (Home).* Result: Lost by 1 wicket.
H.A.H.S. 64. Royal Masonic School 66 for 9 (Scofield 6 for 36).
- June 30th v. Brentwood School (Home).* Result: Lost by 6 wickets.
H.A.H.S. 130 (Scofield 35). Brentwood 134 for 4.
- July 14th v. Old Haberdashers (Home).*
Match cancelled owing to rain.
- July 21st v. City of London School (Away).* Result: Lost by 23 runs.
City of London 77 (Scofield 5 for 15). H.A.H.S. 54 (Scofield 34).
- July 24th v. Eltham College (Home).* Result: Match drawn.
H.A.H.S. 93 for 7 dec. (Scofield 32). Eltham 56 for 9.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	11	1	5	5
2nd XI	9	2	5	2
3rd XI	7	6	1	0
Colts XI	7	1	1	5
Total	34	10	12	12

Boat Club

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

At the beginning of the rowing season the prospects of retaining last year's position in the leagues and regattas were not very encouraging. The fall in the positions of both 1st and 2nd VIIIs in the Schools Head of the River Race seemed to show that we were doomed to an uneventful and disappointing year. With the first of the league races only a few weeks off, however, the crews started training hard, the 1st VIII for eight minute rows, and the 2nd VIII for four-and-a-half minutes.

The first 1st VIII fixture was against St. Paul's 2nd VIII. The school crew was confident of winning, but over-confidence and lack of fighting spirit eventually lost us the race by the wide margin of 3 lengths.

City of London School 1st VIII were our next league opponents. This time we felt resigned to losing, despite the fact that we had beaten them by 2 feet in a heat of the Junior Eights event at Thames Ditton Regatta the previous week. However, at the half-way mark our opponents were leading by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, but by some inspiration (? the stentorian voice of Mr. Browning) and superb steering by Ritchie, the crew spurred and took the lead, eventually to win by $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths, proving that a race is not won until the first crew is past the winning post.

Our final league race against Tiffins School 1st VIII was an extremely hard one, for both crews were fighting for the possibility of league promotion. The result was a win for our opponents, through their superior watermanship and power, by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

The 2nd VIII is bound to lie in the shadow of the 1st VIII. Despite this, they have acquitted themselves extremely well this year. The crew won all their four league races, each by a margin of over 3 lengths. In connection with this, I should like to thank A. W. Johnson for his ardent keenness and capability as crew leader, and everyone in the crew for their determined efforts to make a successful year.

League fixtures are not the only main events in the rowing season for the 1st VIII, for now we are concerned with open regattas. This is the second year in which a School crew has entered into competitive rowing on a large scale. The 1st VIII rowed in six regattas, winning one, namely, the Arbuthnot Lane Trophy for School Eights at Willesden Regatta. In this event the 1st VIII raced our German visitors, the Rudergesellschaft Heidelberg, winning by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. For the first time the 2nd VIII were entered in a regatta, the Maiden Eights at Richmond, but lost to Forest School 1st VIII by $\frac{2}{3}$ length.

I should like to thank Mr. Browning for his energetic and untiring work throughout the year. He has striven hard for the benefit of the Club, and put the School's name into the fore of rowing circles. Mr. Keevil and Mr. Willatt have ably supported him, and have patiently coached the lower eights; Mr. McNair has also rendered valuable assistance. Finally, I should like to thank M. C. Ryan for his services as Vice-Captain and Secretary, which he has carried out quietly and efficiently.

A. J. FEWKES, *Captain of Boats.*

RESULTS

1st VIII, LEAGUE 2

Saturday, May 12th. 1st VIII v. St. Paul's 2nd VIII. Lost 3 lengths. Home.
Saturday, May 26th. 1st VIII v. C.L.S. 1st VIII. Won $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. Home.
Wednesday, May 30th. 1st VIII v. Tiffins 1st VIII. Lost $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. Away.

FINAL LEAGUE 2 POSITIONS

1, St. Pauls. 2, Tiffins. 3, Haberdashers' (retaining position in League 2).
4, C.L.S.

2nd VIII LEAGUE FIXTURE RESULTS

LEAGUE 8

Saturday, May 26th. 2nd VIII *v.* St. Paul's 5th VIII. Won 4 lengths. Home.
 Saturday, June 2nd. 2nd VIII *v.* U.C.S. 6th VIII. Won easily. Home.
 Wednesday, June 13th. 2nd VIII *v.* Ealing C.G.S. 2nd VIII. Won easily. Home.
 Saturday, June 28th. 2nd VIII *v.* Emanuel 3rd VIII. Won 8 lengths. Away.

FINAL POSITIONS IN LEAGUE 8

1, Haberdashers' (promoted to Top League of Clinker Division). 2, St. Paul's.
 3, U.C.S. 4, Emanuel. 5, Ealing C.G.S.

CREWS, 1955-56

1st VIII	2nd VIII
<i>Bow.</i> D. J. Restrict*	<i>Bow.</i> J. M. Berry†
2. A. C. Langmead*	2. J. Glass†
3. R. P. Lansdell*	3. C. Ridge†
4. M. C. Ryan*	4. J. P. Stovell†
5. A. J. Fewkes**	5. N. F. Barnes†
6. P. W. G. Ives*	6. A. R. Freeman†
7. C. G. Hingley**	7. A. W. Johnson†
<i>Stroke.</i> M. G. Dichlian**	<i>Stroke.</i> I. T. Ebel†
<i>Cox.</i> A. D. Ritchie*	<i>Cox.</i> D. P. Gilby†

**Full Colour Re-awards. *Full Colours. †Half colours.

REGATTAS

Saturday, May 19th. THAMES DITTON REGATTA
Junior Eights. 1st Round. 1st VIII beat C.L.S. 1st VIII by 2 feet.
 Semi-finals. 1st VIII lost to Tiffins 1st VIII by 1 length.

Monday, May 21st. WILLESDEN REGATTA.
School Eights. Semi-final. 1st VIII beat Rudergesellschaft Heidelberg by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.
 Final. 1st VIII beat Quintin School 1st VIII by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Saturday, June 2nd. TWICKENHAM REGATTA
Junior Eights. 1st round. 1st VIII rowed over against Weybridge.
 2nd round. 1st VIII lost to Staines 1st VIII by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Saturday, June 23rd. HORSEFERRY REGATTA
Junior Eights. 1st round. 1st VIII beat O.H.B.C. by 4 lengths and beat Mortlake R.C. by $\frac{1}{4}$ length.
 Semi-finals. 1st VIII lost to Owens 1st VIII by 1 length.

Saturday, June 30th. RICHMOND REGATTA
Junior Eights. 1st round. 1st VIII beat London School of Economics' 1st VIII by 1 length.
 2nd round. 1st VIII lost to Furnival S.C. by 1 length.
Maiden Eights. 1st round. 2nd VIII beat L.S.E. 2nd VIII by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, but lost to Forest School 1st VIII by $\frac{2}{3}$ length.

Saturday, July 14th. KINGSTON REGATTA
School Eights. Semi-final. School 1st VIII lost to Tiffins 1st VIII by 2 lengths.

Athletics

This season has seen athletics more of a self-supporting sport. This has resulted in a keener and more highly-trained team, a fact reflected by some of the fine individual performances. Worthy of mention are Shaw, who high-jumped 5 ft. 6 in. in the Latymer Match, and Strange, who has held simultaneously the School mile and half-mile records; and of the Juniors, Littlewood, a repeated winner in the middle distance races. Our failure to win more matches is due solely to the even higher standard of our opponents,

especially in the field events, where our top throwers are too few in number.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. Delight and Mr. Goater for their tremendous help at all times. Without their enthusiasm and encouragement athletics would have remained very much a part-time and neglected sport.

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS

Strange, 880 yds., 2 min. 7 secs.; Woodford, 1 mile, 4 mins. 44 secs, both at Chase Lodge.

Colours, *Senior*: Woodford, Vogler, Robinson, Egan, Shaw, Strange.

Junior: Udell, Cattle, Littlewood, A. Benfield, B. Evans, Pead.

A. WOODFORD, *Captain of Athletics*.

MATCH RESULTS

SENIOR

H.A.H.S. v. Emanuel School and Eltham College (*Home*).

Eltham College, 81 pts.; H.A.H.S., 56 pts.; Emanuel School, 42 pts.

H.A.H.S. v. Old Haberdashers'. (*Home*).

Old Haberdashers', 61 pts.; H.A.H.S., 53 pts.

H.A.H.S. v. Latymer Upper School and Alleyn's School. (*Away*).

Alleyn's School, 88 pts.; Latymer Upper School, 72½ pts.; H.A.H.S., 59½ pts.

JUNIOR

H.A.H.S. v. Alleyn's School and Latymer Upper School. (*Home*).

Alleyn's School, 88½ pts.; H.A.H.S., 78 pts.; Latymer Upper School, 75½ pts.

H.A.H.S. v. City of London School and St. Dunstan's College. (*Away*).

H.A.H.S.—2nd.

SCHOOL v. O.H.A.C.

MAY 27th, 1956

During the course of this annual meeting, two new school records were established, one by G. Strange, who completed the half-mile in 2 mins. 7 secs., and the other by A. Woodford, who ran the mile with a time of 4 mins. 44 secs. The latter race was notable for the fact that three runners representing the school completed the distance in less than 5 minutes; one of them, J. Littlewood, being only a Junior.

The weather on this occasion was very much kinder than it had been on Sports Day, which probably accounted for the general high standard of performance.

Double wins were achieved by two runners—R. Handscombe for the Old Boys, and B. Shaw for the School. The fact that the two were on opposing sides was reflected in the final score, which was very close. With only the relay to be decided, the Old Boys led by only 4 points.

B. M. S.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

On April 28th, although the ground was dry, the slight wind made the running conditions rather difficult. It was no surprise, therefore, that no new records were established, but on the other hand it still proved to be an interesting sports afternoon.

The excitement really began with the two senior sprints: in the 100 yards Goldman and Shaw finished almost together, and then, in the 220 yards, the first three runners to finish all ended within a yard of each other.

In the senior half-mile, although Woodford had led for three-quarters of the race, on the home straight Vogler produced a finishing burst which won him the race by a surprisingly small margin. Hendersons here were unlucky not to have the services of Strange, who ran a very good race to win the mile the previous Wednesday.

Of the juniors, Littlewood was outstanding: not only did he win both the quarter- and the half-mile races, but he also gained a second place in the high jump.

The finest running that afternoon, however, was that of Turner in the senior 440 yards. He ran such an even race that, although in the first half it seemed that Mercer would win by a very large distance, in the latter half of the race Turner's conserved energy eventually made him the victor by five yards.

To mention the above individual achievements is, however, invidious, as every person who participated or officiated did what he was called to do so well that, as the Headmaster said at the close of the meeting, "It has been a grand afternoon's sport."

Mrs. Taylor was warmly thanked by the Captain of the School for presenting the trophies.

B. M. S.

RESULTS

1. One Mile (Senior) 1, Strange (H); 2, Woodford (M); 3, Redpath (R); 4, D. Mercer, (S); 5, Sykes (J); 6, Holland (C).
Time: 4 mins. 44.5 secs.
2. One Mile (Junior) 1, Cattle (M); 2, Anderson (C); 3, Simmonds (R); 4, B. G. Evans, (S); 5, Sutcliffe (H); 6, G. H. Evans (J). *Time:* 5 mins. 11.0 secs.
3. High Jump (Senior) 1, B. Shaw (R); 2, Healey (H); 3, Pinnells (C).
Height: 5 ft.
4. High Jump (Junior) 1, Udell (H); 2, Littlewood (C); 3, Grayson (S); 4, Munn (J); 5, Travers (H); 6, Shaw (R).
Height: 4 ft. 10 ins.
5. Long Jump (Senior) 1, Hunt (M); 2, Mercer (J); 3, Simler (S); 4, Pinnells (C); 5, Fox (H); 6, Robinson (R).
Distance: 17 ft. 7 ins.
6. Long Jump (Junior) 1, Robbins (S); 2, B. Evans (S); 3, Coggins (C); 4, Ewer (H); 5, Munn (J); 6, Hollis (M).
Distance: 15 ft. 11 ins.
7. Discus (Senior) 1, Egan (R); 2, Jones (C); 3, Healey (H); 4, Baker (J); 5, Horrocks (M); 6, Shaw (R). *Distance:* 92 ft. 8 ins.
8. Discus (Junior) 1, Buckt (R); 2, Stout (S); 3, Pead (M); 4, Benfield (H); 5, Hounsell (J); 6, Widgery (C).
Distance: 98 ft. 9 ins.
9. 100 yards (Senior) 1, Shaw B. (R); 2, Goldman (C); 3, Clements (J); 4, Hunt (M); 5, Fuller (H); 6, Morris (S). *Time:* 10.6 secs.

10. 100 yards (Junior) 1, Ewer (H); 2, Churchland (R); 3, Lyden (J); 4, Coggins (C); 5, Fairley (M); 5, Gray (S).
Time: 11.5 secs.
11. 220 yards (Senior) 1, Shaw (R); 2, Davis (M); 3, Clements (J); 4, Witheridge (C); 5, Morris (S); 6, Creed (H).
Time: 25.8 secs.
12. 220 yards (Junior) 1, Churchland (R); 2, Coggins (C); 3, Hounsell (J); 3, Udell (M); 5, Gray (S); 6, Ewer (H).
Time: 26.9 secs.
13. 440 yards (Senior) 1, Turner (C); 2, Mercer J. (J); 3, Sykes (S); 4, Robinson (R); 5, Cann (H); 6, Kelton (M).
Time: 57 secs.
14. 440 yards (Junior) 1, Littlewood (C); 2, Hounsell (J); 3, Harris (H); 4, Shaw (R); 5, Eschrich (S); 6, Fairley (M).
Time: 62.2 secs.
15. 880 yards (Senior) 1, Vogler (R); 2, Woodford (M); 3, Turner (C); 4, Carmody (S); 5, D. Mercer (J); 6, Jones (R).
Time: 2 mins. 11.8 secs.
16. 880 yards (Junior) 1, Littlewood (C); 2, Cattle (M); 3, B. G. Evans (S); 4, Peterken (H); 5, Harris (R); 6, G. Evans (J). *Time*: 2 mins. 6.9 secs.
17. Hurdles (Senior) 1, Davis (M); 2, Goldman (C); 3, J. Mercer (J).
Time: 17.4 secs.
18. Hurdles (Junior) 1, Eschrich (S); 2, Robbins (R); 3, Whittam (C).
Time: 18.16 secs.
19. Javelin (Senior) 1, Horrocks (M); 2, Roberts (5); 3, Stoddard (H); 4, Alford (C); 5, Redpath (R); 6, Ives (J).
Distance: 118 ft. 5 ins.
20. Javelin (Junior) 1, Pead (M); 2, Milton (C); 3, Ewer (H); 4, Lyden (J); 5, Cray (S); 6, English (R). *Distance*: 120 ft. 11 ins.
21. Shot (Senior) 1, Fewkes (S); 2, Egan (R); 3, Fuller (H); 4, Bancroft (J); 5, Webster (C); 6, Bigg (M).
Distance: 36 ft. 1 in.
22. Shot (Junior) 1, Harris (R); 2, Stout (S); 3, Miller (C); 4, A. Benfield (H); 5, Mercer (J); 6, Handscombe (M).
Distance: 31 ft. 3 ins.
23. Tug-of-War 1, Hendersons; 2, Calverts.
24. Medley Relay (440, 220, 220, 440 yds.) (Senior) 1, Russells; 2, Joblings; 3, Strouts; 4, Calverts; 5, Meadows; 6, Hendersons.
25. Medley Relay (440, 220, 220, 440 yds.) (Junior) 1, Calverts; 2, Meadows; 3, Russells; 4, Strouts; 5, Hendersons; 6, Joblings. *Time*: 3 mins. 3.5 secs.
26. Relay (4 × 110 yds.) (Senior) 1, Russells; 2, Calverts; 3, Meadows; 4, Hendersons; 5, Joblings; 6, Strouts. *Time*: 50 secs.
27. Relay (4 × 110 yds.) (Junior) 1, Russells; 2, Hendersons; 3, Calverts; 4, Joblings; 5, Strouts; 6, Meadows. *Time*: 52.4 secs.

Final positions in Hinton Shield for all events: 1, Russells, 202 pts.; 2, Calverts, 191½ pts.; 3, Meadows, 171 pts.; 4, Hendersons, 164 pts.; 5, Strouts, 143 pts.; 6, Joblings, 135½ pts.

Fives

The most outstanding event since the season ended has been the House Tournament, which was again won by Hendersons, B. Stark proving himself to be easily the best player in the School. Russells came second with 101 points to Hendersons' 139 points, and Strouts were third with 60 points. The new Junior Competition was won by Strouts with 39 points, Hendersons coming second with 31 points, and Meadows third with 26 points.

This season we hope to have at least as many fixtures as last year; probably one or two more. The 1st IV seems likely to be as strong as last year's, consisting almost entirely of players moving up from the 2nd IV, with some match experience which will undoubtedly prove useful.

It is hoped that the courts will be well used by keen youngsters in the coming season. It is very probable that a Colts IV will be formed, which will play two or three matches. Everyone who thinks he may be likely to be picked is urged to do his best, and to acquire equal power in both hands. We hope to have organized coaching by members of the 1st IV for all who are desirous of improving their game.

I should very sincerely like to thank N. A. Parker for his hard work and unfailing efficiency as Captain of Fives, and especially for his excellent organization of the house competitions.

Finally, I should also like to thank Mr. Sanderson, for whose support and guidance we are deeply grateful.

R. D. PURVIS, *Captain.*

Shooting

Despite only three members of the last Bisley VIII remaining in this year's team, the standard of shooting has not deteriorated at all, the "new" boys ably filling the places vacated by Morris and Lyle last year. The most notable of these have been Munn, whose consistently good shooting has been prominent throughout the season, and Cattle, scoring a "possible", at 500 yards, in his first year.

This term, the 1st VIII entered for the usual three competitions, the Middlesex R.A. Competition, the Sussex R.A. Competition, and finally, the Ashburton Shield, a competition open to all cadet contingents in Great Britain, from Elizabeth College, Jersey, to Glenalmond and Edinburgh Academy in Scotland, with "guests" this year from the Royal Canadian Cadet Force.

In the "Middlesex," the team, in scoring 496 points, was placed third in front of "old enemies" St. Paul's, Merchant Taylors' and City of London. In the "Sussex," it did not do so well, scoring 484 points, occupying a somewhat lowly position. The team combined favourably, however, in the Ashburton Shield, and though still short of the elusive 500 points, it did very well to register another 496 points, being placed a creditable 26th from 84 entrants.

The members of this team, and others who have represented the school this summer term were: B. Barber, Cattle, Fitzgerald, Hay, Kinniment, Long, Munn, J. Parker, Peterken, D. Webster, and J. Winney.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Major Hewson for his efforts for the team, which have not been to no avail, and which all appreciate, adding my personal gratitude and hoping that his team next year, potentially one of his best, attains a score of over 500 points in competition at Bisley.

J. R. PARKER, *Captain*.

Swimming

As far as the Seniors are concerned, this season has been a pleasant rather than a successful one: only one match was won (against a weak Old Boys team), and one drawn (against Eltham College). Probably the major factor in our defeats was the lack (for the first time for some years) of a single outstanding "natural" freestyler to act as a nucleus for the team. Valiant efforts were made by those selected, but the basic talent was simply not available.

However, the failure of the Seniors was to a considerable extent offset by pleasing performances from both Colts and Juniors. The Colts suffered bad luck in losing some matches (especially the "triangular," and that against City of London School) partly as a result of swimmers being absent through illness or through the prior claims of cricket; but the Juniors were, for the first time since under-fourteen matches were started, successful in both their contests—against St. Dunstan's and City of London. The victory over St. Dunstan's on the part of both Colts and Juniors was particularly noteworthy, being the School's first swimming success against these rivals since 1949.

A list of team swimmers, together with further information on the season's swimming, will be found below; the achievements of Garrod and P. A. Evans, the respective Colt and Junior backstrokers, might perhaps receive special mention, but in general, rather than single out individuals, I would encourage the under-sixteen swimmers to develop their potential to the utmost. After the despairing cries for "more training" that have come with monotonous regularity from my predecessors, it is pleasing to record that there has, on the whole, been an increased willingness to train this year: what the team must now learn is HOW to train, and they can hardly begin better than by realizing that 15 minutes really exhausting "work" is infinitely more valuable than an hour's "plodding" up and down the bath.

My thanks to Sluce for his assistance at training sessions, to Mercer both for this in his capacity as Vice-Captain and, more especially, for his faultless secretarial work; to the kitchen staff for their excellent teas; and most emphatically to Mr. Thomas, to whose constant organization and cheerful tyranny of the stopwatch we owe most of our successes and none of our failures.

P. M. OPPENHEIMER, *Captain*.

MATCH RESULTS

Team	Matches	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st VIII	8	1	1	6
Colts	7	3	0	4
Juniors	2	2	0	0

TEAMS

1st VIII: Oppenheimer, Mercer, Sluce, Leil, Antrobus, Strange, Willment, Stewart.

Colts: Garrod, Milton, Stout, Watson, B. G. Evans, Constable, Eschrich, Barratt.

Juniors: Ramsay, Billingham, Shuttleworth, Meier, P. A. Evans, Williams, Gray, Littlewood, Burt, Travers.

Colours re-awarded to: Oppenheimer, Mercer. Half-colours awarded to: Sluce, Garrod.

SCHOOL BATH RECORDS

Freestyle, 3 lengths (52½ yards): 29.9 secs. { M. T. Collins, 1953
V. Savarese, 1955

Freestyle, 6 lengths (105 yards): 66.2 secs., V. Savarese, 1955.

Freestyle, 26 lengths (455 yards): 6 mins. 16.1 secs., M. T. Collins, 1953.

Back Stroke, 3 lengths: 37.8 secs., J. S. Mercer, 1956.

Back Stroke, 6 lengths: 83.5 secs., A. Attenborough, 1953.

Breast Stroke, 3 lengths: 36.5 secs., P. M. Oppenheimer, 1956.

Breast Stroke, 6 lengths: 80.6 secs., P. M. Oppenheimer, 1956.

Butterfly Breast Stroke, 3 lengths: 35.4 secs., P. M. Oppenheimer, 1956.

Butterfly Breast Stroke, 6 lengths: 83.3 secs., P. M. Oppenheimer, 1956.

SWIMMING GALA

Friday, July 6th, 1956

1. *Six lengths (105 yards):* 1, Antrobus (J); 2, Sluce (H); 3, J. S. Mercer (J); 4, Dichlian (M); 5, Leil (M); 6, Milton (C). *Time:* 70.8 secs.
2. *Twenty-six lengths (455 yards) for the Care Cup:* 1, Leil (M); 2, Sluce (H); 3, Antrobus (J); 4, Oppenheimer (S); 5, Stout (S); 6, Milton (C). *Time:* 6 mins. 38.4 secs.
3. *Back Stroke (Under 13):* 1, Ingleton (S); 2, Davison (S); 3, Davies (J); 4, Hill (M); 5, Angadi (S); 6, Usiskin (C). *Time:* 34.4 secs.
4. *Back Stroke (Under 14):* 1, Axon (M); 2, P. Evans (J); 3, Deakin (S); 4, T. Evans (S); 5, Williams (J); 6, Burt (C). *Time:* 33 secs.
5. *Back Stroke (Under 15):* 1, Ramsay (R); 2, Perman (S); 3, Kolb (C); 4, Webster (C); 5, Kahn (R). *Time:* 36.2 secs.
6. *Back Stroke (Under 16):* 1, Milton (C); 2, Garrod (C); 3, Handscombe (M); 4, English (R); 5, Pead (M). *Time:* 30 secs.
7. *Back Stroke (Over 16):* 1, Mercer (J); 2, Dichlian (M); 3, Oppenheimer (S); 4, Berkeley (C); 5, Hounsell (J); 6, Webster (C). *Time:* 31.6 secs.
8. *Diving (Under 14):* 1, Littlewood (C); 2, Davison (S); 3, Rigg (J); 4, May (C); 5, Evans (S); 6, Mercer, H. A. (J).
9. *Freestyle (Under 13):* 1, Ingleton (S); 2, English (R); 3, Davies (J); 4, Davison (S); 5, Breen (H); 6, Hulbert (S). *Time:* 35 secs.
10. *Freestyle (Under 14):* 1, Travers (H); 2, Williams (J); 3, Shuttleworth (C); 4, Boseley (J); 5, Burt (C); 6, Axon (M). *Time:* 29.8 sec.
11. *Freestyle (Under 15):* 1, Marre (C); 2, Selby (M); 3, Ramsay (R); 4, Perman (S); 5, Woolgrove (M); 6, Gibbs (R). *Time:* 27.6 secs.
12. *Freestyle (Under 16):* 1, Milton (C); 2, Garrod (C); 3, Evans (S); 4, Constable (H); 5, Watson (J); 6, Handscombe (M). *Time:* 25.4 secs.
13. *Freestyle (Over 16):* 1, Sluce (H); 2, Stewart (S); 3, Dichlian (M); 4, Leil (M); 5, Healey (H); 6, Mercer (J). *Time:* 25 secs.

14. *Diving (Under 16)*: 1, Barratt (M); 2, Handscombe (M); 3, Billingham (R); 4, Woolgrove (M); 5, Stout (S).
15. *Breast Stroke (Under 13)*: 1, Davison (S); 2, Hughes (M); Burns (S); 4, Rainforth (M); 5, Winney (H); 6, Dunn (H). *Time*: 40.34 secs.
16. *Breast Stroke (Under 14)*: 1, Appleby (C); 2, Rackman (M); 3, Chin (R); 4, Lane (S); 5, Hersey (R); 6, Mercer (J). *Time*: 39.8 secs.
17. *Breast Stroke (Under 15)*: 1, Billingham (R); 2, Ramsay (R); 3, Kolb (C); 4, Meier (S); 5, Mitchenere (C); 6, Winney (H). *Time*: 36.6 secs.
18. *Breast Stroke (Under 16)*: 1, Stout (S); 2, Watson (J); 3, Garrod (C); 4, Milton (C); 5, Winney (H); 6, Pead (M). *Time*: 33.2 secs.
19. *Breast Stroke (Over 16)*: 1, Oppenheimer (S); 2, Smith (H); 3, Robinson (R); 4, Leil (M); 5, Witheridge (C); 6, McNeil (J). *Time*: 31.6 secs.
20. *Diving (Over 16)*: 1, Stewart (S); 2, Willment (M); 3, Strange (H); 4, Leil (M); 5, J. S. Mercer (J).
21. *Medley Relay for the Hasset Cup*: 1, Strouts; 2, Joblings; 3, Hendersons; 4, Calverts; 5, Meadows; 6, Russells. *Time*: 1 min. 58.4 secs.
22. *Junior Team Race for the Peavot Cup*: 1, Calverts; 2, Joblings; 3, Hendersons; 4, Meadows; 5, Strouts; 6, Russells. *Time*: 1 min. 53.6 secs.
23. *Senior Team Race for the Taylor Wilson Cup*: 1, Strouts; 2, Hendersons; 3, Joblings; 4, Meadows; 5, Calverts; 6, Russells. *Time*: 1 min. 50 sec.

The Thomas Arno Cup for Open and Over 16 events was won by Meadows with 34 points. Hendersons and Joblings each won $26\frac{1}{2}$ points, and Strouts 26 points. The individual replica of the cup was won by Leil.

The final positions in the competition for the Gregory Shield were: 1, Strouts, 185; 2, Meadows, 145; 3, Calverts, $138\frac{1}{2}$; 4, Joblings, 126; 5, Hendersons, $103\frac{1}{2}$; 6, Russells, 80.

Tennis

The results of the tennis teams this season were quite promising, and auger well for the future. The ladder tournament, which was organized during the Autumn and Winter terms, clearly indicated the players who would be useful to the teams in the Summer, and the general standard of play has undoubtedly shown a marked improvement on previous years.

The opening match of the season against Highgate was unfortunately abandoned because of rain, and our second fixture against Latymer Upper was a close battle, which we just lost by 4-5. This was followed by a confident victory over City of London by 5-2, and a narrow win over Harrow County by 5-4.

In the first round of the Glanvill Cup we were drawn against U.C.S. and Highgate to play at U.C.S., who succeeded in defeating both schools by 3-0. Their victory over us, however, was closer than the score suggests and the result might well have been in our favour. Morris and Robson lost to the first pair 6-1, 2-6, 3-6, Dorner and Stoddard to the second pair 6-1, 4-6, 5-7, and Barker and Carmody were engaged in an interminable struggle, which they finally lost 22-24, 3-6.

The team, by no means discouraged, went on to score a run of three decisive victories over Brentwood, St. Dunstan's and Emanuel, $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ respectively. The match against the Old Haberdashers resulted in a draw—a good result since we had to put out a weak team. At the end of the term, in the first

round of the Youll Cup, the 1st VI lost to Bradfield, 2-3, in a close match.

The second VI also enjoyed quite a successful season. The opening match against St. Dunstan's resulted in an easy victory by $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, followed by a close match against Dulwich College which we lost by 4-5. The following week, the match against Emanuel was abandoned because of rain. Three well-earned victories were then recorded against Latymer Upper, Eltham and City of London. The victory over Latymer Upper deserves considerable praise, since a team composed of two pairs from the 1st VI was sent down to play us. This run of victories was halted by our losing to Brentwood, but the final match against St. Paul's was won by 4-0.

The Colts IV only played two matches, winning one and losing the other. This year, the house tennis competition was run on the lines of the Glanvill Cup, each house being represented by three pairs. In the final, Strouts beat Joblings 2-1.

On behalf of the Tennis Club I should like to thank Mr. Brown for the work he has put into, and the keen interest he has shown in, the organizing of tennis. We wish him the best of luck in his new appointment.

MATCH SUMMARY

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st VI	9	5	3	1
2nd VI	7	5	2	0
Colts IV	2	1	1	0

First VI Players: Morris*, (Capt.), Robson*, Dorner*, Stoddard*, Carmody*, Croft*, Barker.

Second VI Players: Walker†, (Capt.), Eisenegger†, Thompson†, Holland†, Coggins, Sebba, Goodman, Steeds.

*1st VI Colours. †2nd VI Colours.

J. R. MORRIS, *Captain*

Combined Cadet Force

The Contingent was inspected on June 1st by Air Vice-Marshal A. Earle, C.B., C.B.E. The Contingent was congratulated on the excellence of the parade and march past, and the Band received a well-deserved word of praise for its performance.

On June 28th the Contingent had the distinction of providing a Guard of Honour for the Lord Mayor on the occasion of the opening of the new Haberdashers' Hall.

During the year the following examination results have been recorded:

Certificate "A" Part 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
Certificate "A" Part 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
R.A.F. Proficiency Examination	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
R.A.F. Advanced Examination	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
R.N. Proficiency Examination	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Classified Signallers	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Assistant Instructors	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Certificate "T"	.....	.....	.....	.....	4

At Bisley the VIII scored a sound 496 in the Ashburton Shield Competition, and were placed twenty-sixth out of 81 competing teams.

At the annual open Band Contest at Hornchurch, the Band gained First place in the Pre-Service Class.

Annual camps which were held at Gandale, Hawarden and Chatham, were attended by about 170 cadets. The Army and R.A.F. camps coincided with a spell of rough weather, but undeterred, the R.A.F. Section won the trophy for the most efficient unit at Hawarden camp, while the Army Section were placed second in the Drill Competition at Gandale and gained fourth and fifth places out of 39 competing teams in the Field Firing Competition.

Contingent competition winners:

The Inter-Section competition:	The Army Section
The Digby Cup for open range shooting:	Sgt. J. R. Parker
The Ulyett Cup for miniature range shooting:	L/Cpl. C. Hay
The Recruits' Cup:	Cadet P. Mitchinere

C.C.F. ANNUAL INSPECTION, 1956

The interest in the C.C.F. on the part of those members of the School who are still too young to be cadets is probably at no time greater than on the day of the Annual Inspection: quite apart from the spectacle of a Contingent parade, there is the excitement of seeing a high-ranking service officer in and about the School; and so, when Air Vice-Marshal Earle, C.B., C.B.E. ("the A.V.M."), as he was laconically referred to by knowledgeable R.A.F. cadets) emerged from the main door at precisely 1400 hours on June 1st, to carry out his parade-ground inspection, there was, in addition to a number of parents, a more or less silent majority of the Lower School established under supervision on the far side of the tarmac to watch the proceedings.

To these proceedings there are always certain hazards attached, which are greater or lesser according to the weather: if it is wet, but not actually raining (or not raining hard enough to interfere with the parade), there is the problem of maintaining one's appearance—particularly the shine on the boots as one marches on to the field; if it is very hot, there are invariably a large number of parade "casualties," who find the strain of standing still for half-an-hour excessive. This year, however, was an unusually fortunate one: June 1st turned out to be perfectly dry, but overcast and cool. Hence, things went with an especially high degree of smoothness and smartness, and the C.O. was able to say afterwards that the march-past was the best he could remember. The Inspecting Officer had a special word of commendation for the turn-out, drill and musicianship of the band, ably led by Sgt. Drum-Major Alford.

After his parade inspection, during which he talked to numerous cadets, especially N.C.O.s, Air Vice-Marshal Earle and his staff

spent over an hour watching the Contingent training in all its aspects. Instructions given by the C.O. to N.C.O.s were, on the approach of an officer, to bring the squad to "Attention," and, having (of course) saluted, to ask for "permission to carry on—SIR!!" This was done vociferously by all concerned.

At the end of the afternoon, in his short address to the Contingent (which was now drawn up in "hollow square" formation), the Inspecting Officer, pointing out that this was the first occasion on which he had inspected a C.C.F. Contingent, expressed his surprise at finding such an extremely high standard in all departments of Corps activity. (Let sceptics beware before they speak, for it has been privately observed by recent old boys that the arms drill of at least some of our Army Section platoons compares favourably with that of many ordinary army training units!) The Air Vice-Marshal also made the important point, too often overlooked by those directly involved, that by far the most valuable period of one's Corps career, and the really unique aspect of school education provided by the C.C.F., comes after promotion to N.C.O., and not before; and it therefore gave him particular pleasure to be able to congratulate the N.C.O.s on their high standard of instruction. The inspection ended with the traditional "Three Cheers for the Inspecting Officer," called for by C.S.M. Curtis, when, we hope, the ubiquitous bevy of photographers (both professional and S.S.U.) who had been mostly spending the afternoon in the wake of the Air Vice-Marshal, were able to obtain an amusing final "shot" of 300 caps held high in the air above 300 cheering mouths.

P. M. O.

Special Service Unit

The S.S.U. has had a very successful year, and good work has been carried out in all spheres of activity.

The fine show of roses and other flowers in the front of the School has brought favourable comment from many people, including members of the staff passing between the Science Building and Main School, and I am sure the small group of voluntary garden workers have found the result of their efforts very satisfying.

During the year B. W. Nash with another group of volunteers has been giving service at North End Hospital, and this has been very much appreciated by the authorities of that hospital. This service has not been limited to school time, for some have gone there even in the school holidays. Another branch of school service has been seen in the work done under the guidance of Mr. Lear, some of it in the workshop and some in connection with our theatre equipment. Whilst some have been able to find such opportunities for service, others have employed themselves in preparations for service, taking part in life saving and first-aid classes, and we hope that they have taken these classes very seriously and are now in a position to give skilled practical aid in emergency.



STUDY FOR A PORTRAIT

(This painting and the one overleaf are by D. R. Pearce, VIa Mod.)



STILL LIFE

Finally I would like to mention the boys who have given much time to maintaining the School Press.

Following our usual practice, we have endeavoured to give to senior members of the Unit the responsibility of running the various activities of the S.S.U. and the following boys have given this service:

First Aid Classes:	M. C. Ryan.
Life Saving Classes:	S. S. Shashoua and P. J. Stoddard.
Camp Craft Class:	I. Ebel.
Printing Group:	M. J. Hitchcock.
Hospital Service:	B. W. Nash.
Garden Group:	R. J. Farrand and B. J. Brandie.
Workshop:	K. McLaren.

The Summer Term Field Day was taken up with a number of activities. Some members spent a very wet morning carrying out practical camp training on the field and followed this with a First Aid examination in the afternoon: others visited Kent and spent the day rock climbing or walking along the Downs, all experiencing the unpleasantness of 1956 summer weather.

J. W. D.

Shield Results, 1955-6

1. UPPER SCHOOL WORK AND CONDUCT SHIELD

1. HENDERSONS	2229 pts.	4. MEADOWS	1600 pts.
2. STROUTS	1877 pts.	5. RUSSELLS	1569 pts.
3. CALVERTS	1809 pts.	6. JOBLINGS	1380 pts.

2. CROSSMAN SHIELD (ALL SPORT)

1. CALVERTS	112 pts.	4. STROUTS	84 pts.
2. JOBLINGS	108 pts.	5. HENDERSONS	83 pts.
3. MEADOWS	85 pts.	6. RUSSELLS	52 pts.

3. DUNTON SHIELD (UPPER AND LOWER SCHOOL, WORK AND SPORT)

1. CALVERTS	1337 pts.	4. STROUTS	1237 pts.
2. MEADOWS	1284 pts.	5. JOBLINGS	1167 pts.
3. HENDERSONS	1240 pts.	6. RUSSELLS	1092 pts.

WORK AND CONDUCT SHIELDS

As from the Autumn Term, 1956, the scoring for the above shields is being amended as follows. The present system of work points (+20, +10, —10 awarded by masters as thought appropriate) is being abolished, and replaced by a scheme based on the "Effort" letters given to each individual in his report. A "G" (Good) will score two points, an "S" (Satisfactory) nil, and a "U" (Unsatisfactory) minus two. The new system will mean: (1) a fairer allotment of credit for good work; (2) a fairer balance between work and conduct in deciding the result of the competition: hitherto, the bias has been overwhelmingly in favour of work.

P. M. OPPENHEIMER, *School Recorder.*

House Notes

CALVERTS

This year has been one of triumph for Calverts. To win both Dunton and Crossman Shields is a considerable achievement, but to do so after finishing sixth in each the previous year, indicates an all-round effort as well as the presence of talent. Our success has lain in consistency. We won none of the many Summer Term competitions, yet maintained our position from Easter by a string of 2nds and 3rds. We were runners-up in both Upper and Lower School Sports and in the Tug-of-War, and third in the Swimming Gala (thanks mainly to Milton and Garrod) and Shooting. Our failures at Cricket (lost by nine wickets to Hendersons), Tennis (beaten by Strouts) and Fives (where we were last) were thereby more than balanced. An average record throughout the year put us third and fourth respectively in the Upper and Lower School Work and Conduct Shields.

I wish to thank Mann, the House Vice-Captain, for all his assistance, and Lincoln, an outstandingly efficient House-Recorder, who maintained throughout the spirit he showed in volunteering for the job, and particularly our Housemasters. Both Mr. Dudderidge and Mr. Hickman have taken a very lively interest at all times, and I am especially grateful for Mr. Dudderidge's coaching of the Athletics Team in the Easter holidays, and Mr. Hickman's backstage work for the House party.

D. W. CURTIS, *Captain*.

My congratulations to all members who by their diligence, enthusiasm and good behaviour have contributed to our success. My good wishes to all leaving us this term, especially to the Officers of the House who have done so much to inspire the others; may they all prosper in whatever careers they adopt, and come back to see us now and then.

J. W. D.

JOBLINGS

The end of the Summer Term is a fitting time not only to review on paper the results of the House, but also the more important matter of the general spirit of the House throughout the year. The spirit in Joblings this year has been good, and this has been reflected in the sporting results, especially in our position of 2nd in the Crossman Shield Competition, which was largely due to winning the cricket shield and to our excellent performances in last term's rugger competitions. In the Summer Term, we also won the shooting and were narrowly beaten in the Tennis Final. Only our failures in the Upper and Lower School Athletics and in the Cross-country prevented us from winning the Crossman Shield.

Our poor position of 5th in the Dunton Shield Competition was the result of coming last in both the Upper and Lower School Work and Conduct Competitions, due, inevitably, to a lack of plus points for work. The Upper School Conduct record, however, was most pleasing. I am sure that this was largely due to the close check that Mr. Barling kept on detentions and lines ("What d'you get these for, eh, boy?"). For this, and for the continual interest they have taken in House affairs, I would like to thank both him and Mr. Nicholas, and also Wesson and Baker for their assistance throughout the year.

J. S. MERCER, *Captain*.

HENDERSONS

The last school year has been a moderately successful one for Hendersons, for in the Dunton Shield we finished third. We might well have attained a higher position, however, had the Lower School members of the House followed the example of their seniors, since in the Upper School Work and Conduct we kept our traditional hold on first place, whereas in the Lower School we were fifth, although there was a definite improvement in the Summer Term.

At sport, our success lay almost entirely in the minor sports: we won the Basketball, Chess, Tug-of-War, Fives and Boxing; and would certainly have won the Rowing if a competition had been held. This year, however, we must be equally successful in the major sports as well, particularly Rugby and Cricket, if

we are to regain the coveted Dunton Shield. Furthermore, a marked improvement in the conduct of both Upper and Lower School members of Hendersons is essential, especially since the new points system makes it impossible for a few boys to cancel out by their hard work all the minus points of the House, as happened last year.

Finally, our congratulations are due to Kustow, Brown, Ewer and Harris on the award of their House Ties; and our thanks to Mr. Hewson for his usual support and advice.

C. G. HINGLEY, *Captain*.

MEADOWS

This year has undoubtedly been one of the most successful for Meadows for many years. In the Dunton Shield, which includes everything, we came a close second, whilst in the Sports Shield we gained third place.

These good positions are due in no small part to the work of those in the Lower School. Their successes include being first in the Work and Conduct Shield and first in the Athletics.

The Upper School has also put more effort into its work and sport, but there is still much room for improvement.

The cup, given annually for their most promising junior has been awarded to Cattle, and House Ties to Hudson, Treleaven, Dorman, Cattle, and Walker.

I finish by thanking Hudson and Horrocks, and Mr. Crossman and Mr. Carrington, for all their help in the past year, and I wish the best of luck to my successor.

A. WOODFORD, *Captain*.

RUSSELLS

By the end of the Summer Term, Russells had dropped to bottom place in the Dunton Shield after having won it the previous year. Having won the Dunton Shield no less than six times in the last 13 years, we appear to be in the inevitable slump which follows a long run of success.

Although towards the close of the year all-round improvements were increasing, our sports side was still generally weak. Our only success was in the Athletics, where we won the Hinton Shield and the Macauliffe Cup for standards. This is in no small measure due to the Captain, J. M. Redpath.

In the Cricket, we were runners-up to Joblings; much credit being due to H. G. Purchase, the Captain. Under N. A. Parker, we were also second in the Fives.

The Lower School were unfortunately low in their Athletics, but there are some promising performers who will be of great assistance in a few years' time. They did well to come second in the Work and Conduct Shield Competition.

In wishing the House the best of luck in the future, I feel that especially at the present time an extra effort must be made by everyone.

I should like to thank all concerned for their support, especially N. A. Parker (Vice-Captain), J. R. Catford (Recorder), the Sports Captains, and D. J. Felton and L. Chin (the Lower School Captain and Vice-Captain). On behalf of the whole House, I must thank all the leavers for their enthusiasm and help.

In conclusion, I offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Knight for his ready assistance and advice, and keen interest in all House affairs.

M. J. ROBINSON, *Captain*.

STROUTS

The past school year has, to summarize it in a cliché, been a "good average" for Strouts House. We finished fourth in the Dunton Shield competition, but, as the figures published on another page show, the scoring was very close between ourselves and Hendersons, while the Crossman Shield positions were decided by even narrower margins.

The Upper School distinguished themselves by coming second (again behind Hendersons) in the Work and Conduct Shield. Their conduct record was by far the best in the Upper School, but unfortunately, owing to the heavy bias in favour

of work points in the scoring system hitherto used, inadequate credit was gained for this.

Lower School Work and Conduct efforts, however, seem to have declined progressively throughout the year: the good detention record of the house during the Summer Term was (again partly owing to the method of scoring) insufficient to offset the lack of plus points for work. But the Lower School athletes put up a pleasing performance, gaining third place only two points behind Calverts, and winning the house relay race. In the latter, the team consisted of Morgan, McIntyre, T. I. Evans and Allen.

Our disappointment at failing in the cricket, where we had had hopes of doing well, was largely outweighed by the achievement of a resounding victory in the Swimming Gala—due to a fine all-round effort at all levels of the school; special mention must be made of Davison's excellent swimming in the U.13 class.

It has been a feature of Strouts' house activities this year that, even when we have lacked the talent needed to win a particular competition, a substantial number of standard points have been won, and there has been a (may I say "surprising"?) keenness to represent the house. I hope the few "anti-house sceptics" will note that there is a good deal of pleasure, as well as moral satisfaction, to be obtained from this sort of spirit.

I should like to thank A. J. Fewkes (to whom, as my successor, I also wish luck for the coming year), M. D. Sykes, and S. H. Morgan for their able assistance whenever necessary, and, in particular, Mr. Pask, who has shown his customary unfailing interest and enthusiasm for our affairs.

Finally, good luck to Strouts in 1956-7!

P. M. OPPENHEIMER, *Captain*.

Lower School Notes

Cricket!

Chase Lodge—a Thursday in May—biting wind, drizzle—the Seconds' introduction to the game.

Chase Lodge—a Thursday in July—sunshine and 80 degrees—the Seconds' wilting in the final of their form competition—and England 307 for 3!

And tomorrow, Commendation Day—and the annual "head-ache": will it do as it did a few years ago? (I quote) "... and there was the Rev., praying, and we all had to run for the rain." Oh! for a Hall of size commensurate with that of the School! But tomorrow promises fine.

Last Saturday: Lower School Sports, on damp turf under a blanket of cloud—the jumping pits recently pools. But a pleasant, friendly function. Congratulations to Meadows on their victory, and to R. E. Hughes, Victor Ludorum, and R. C. Rixon, runner-up. A day or two earlier, 250 of us went to Southampton, to inspect *Queen Elizabeth* in dry dock (at a rent of £1,000 a day)—bright while we cruised to Cowes, deluge as we sped home collecting engine numbers.

Back to cricket—raison d'être of summer terms. Our Junior XI had mixed luck: lost to Quainton Hall, Colet Court, and the Hall; drew with Quainton Hall, Brentwood, and Emanuel; beat Christ's College. Captains: E. Shuttleworth and D. J. Felton; batting honours to Shuttleworth, Haslehurst, Twissell, J. A. Williams; bowling to Shuttleworth and Hullcoop.

Swimming gala, on a sweltering Friday afternoon at the Seymour Place bath, where the frogmen displayed their craft, brought first places to Appleby, Davison, Ingleton (2), Travers and P. Littlewood (dive).

In the Lower School on most days of the week may be heard "the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick" or their latterday equivalents. The effectiveness of their instruction was proved in the excellent School Concert, where Lower School performers were in a majority, and made up in enthusiasm what some of them lacked in experience. Over a hundred of them sang in the special Choral Evensong at St. Alban's Abbey in June. Services suggest collections, and collections, School Charity. This term 2⁹ raised the generous sum of £12 0s. 0d. (collector J. Maplesden), out of a term total of £34 12s. 0d. 3⁶ (L. Chin) were second). In the matter of records, 2¹⁰ got through their first School year with two detentions only: they're not angels—but it just shows . . . Russells and 2¹⁰ were the most punctual. In the Junior House Competition for work and conduct, Meadows won, with Russells second. The final position for the school year is:

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| 1, Meadows (66.2 pts. per head); | 4, Calverts (55.1); |
| 2, Russells (61.1); | 5, Joblings (51.3); |
| 3, Strouts (56.2); | 6, Hendersons (44.6). |

"Goodbye, Sir—have a good holiday!"

"Thanks—and what are you doing?"

"Oh! we're going for a cruise to Istanbul . . . we've a caravan and a tent in North Wales . . . they say the School Captain's going to Canada . . . I'm on the Emden party . . . we're taking the car to Spain—may see you and the party at Blanes . . . we're having a bungalow at Cromer . . . Dad thought of going to Mallorca—we should fly, as we did last year . . . our scout troop's going to Guernsey . . . we're having ten days in Holland . . ."

Lucky boys!

J. F. C.

SOUTHAMPTON

It was Thursday, July 19th, and about 200 boys were up early and packing satchels and lunch boxes, for this was the day when the Haberdashers' Lower School excursion was to take place. Brondesbury Station was a very busy scene at nine o'clock, for all the boys were lining up in parties and leaders were calling rolls, masters were checking and double checking, and finally the train came in, was loaded with the lucky boys, and pulled out for Southampton. On arrival the boys were divided into parties of about 50, and shown the *Queen Elizabeth* and many other boats and spare propellers for them. After this, they went on a cruise in a ship called *Princess Elizabeth* which went very close to three Saunders Roe Princesses which were cocooned in thin coats of plastic to protect them from the weather while they were waiting for their new engines.

After this cruise, the boys were given some tea. Then they were put into the train and conveyed back to Brondesbury Station where they were dismissed, and made their ways home. I am sure they all enjoyed the trip and dreamed all night of liners and food.

J. B. D.

LOWER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

As usual, the Summer Term was quiet, the attendances being sometimes as low as five boys; but one was glad to see that there were a few stalwarts in the Second Forms.

During the latter part of the Spring Term, the Inter-House Tournament was held. This was won by the holders, Russells, with Strouts second. Hendersons, having only one competent chess player in the club, did not participate.

To create a greater interest in the club, two different forms of chess were introduced. One was "Kriegspiel" and the other "Losing Chess." The former fluctuated for a while and then collapsed, when, from experience, it was found too long a game for the short lunch-hour meetings. "Losing Chess" kept its popularity as players enjoyed "losing."

As always, I would like to thank Mr. Welbourne for his guidance and interest in the Club.

L. CHIN, *Secretary*.

LOWER SCHOOL SPORTS, 1956

<i>Event</i>	<i>Class</i>	
80 Yards	F	1, Moore (M); 2, Cook (M); 3, Hegan (J). <i>Time:</i> 10.8 secs.
	E	1, Maplesden (M); 2, Barnes (R); 3, Riddy (R). <i>Time:</i> 9.6 secs.
	D	1, Hext (J); 2, Rugman (S); 3, Valdar (M). <i>Time:</i> 10.6 secs.
100 Yards	C	1, Hughes (M); 2, McLellan (J); 3, Allen (S). <i>Time:</i> 12.2 secs.
	B	1, Rixon (M); 2, Handscombe (M); 3, Yudkin (R). <i>Time:</i> 12.2 secs.
	A	1, Morgan (S); 2, McIntyre (S); 3, Reiss (C). <i>Time:</i> 12.2 secs.
220 Yards	C	1, Hughes (M); 2, Allen (S); 3, Tinker (M). <i>Time:</i> 28.6 secs.
	B	1, Rixon (M); 2, Yudkin (R); 3, Handscombe (M). <i>Time:</i> 29.6 secs.
	A	1, West (H); 2, Williams (C); 3, Morgan (S). <i>Time:</i> 28 secs.
440 Yards	C	1, Hughes (M); 2, Allen (S); 3, Tinker (M). <i>Time:</i> 68 secs.
	B	1, Haslehurst (C); 2, Rixon (M); 3, Yudkin (R). <i>Time:</i> 69.2 secs.
	A	1, Williams (C); 2, West (H); 3, Packman (M). <i>Time:</i> 67 secs.
Block Race	F	1, Baker (C); 2, Moore (M); 3, Pope (H).
	E	1, Barnes (R); 2, Riddy (R); 3, Maplesden (M).
	D	1, Tarrant (H); 2, Fewkes (S); 3, Dunkley (H).

Obstacle Race	F	1, Moore (M); 2, Pollak (H); 3, Hegan (J).
	E	1, Maplesden (M); 2, Burgess (C); 3, Pitt (H).
	D	1, English (R); 2, Valdar (M); 3, Davies (J).
Ball Throw	F	1, Pope (H); 2, Pollak (H); 3, Usiskin (M). <i>Distance:</i> 152 ft. 7 ins.
	E	1, Davies (C); 2, Burgess (C); 3, Albutt (M). <i>Distance:</i> 160 ft. 4 ins.
	D	1, Tarrant (H); 2, Keary (H); 3, Woodland (M). <i>Distance:</i> 163 ft. 10 ins.
	C	1, Davison (S); 2, Shail (C); 3, Ingleton (S). <i>Distance:</i> 171 ft. 3 ins.
	B	1, Levin (R); 2, Haslehurst (C); 3, Holdsworth (S). <i>Distance:</i> 187 ft. 9 ins.
	A	1, Appleby (C); 2, Williams (C); 3, May (C). <i>Distance:</i> 127 ft. 2 ins.
High Jump	F	1, Moore (M); 2, Ratcliffe (S); 3, Webb (C). <i>Height:</i> 3 ft. 10 ins.
	E	1, Maplesden (M); 2, Burgess (C); 3, Riddy (R). <i>Height:</i> 4 ft. 3 ins.
	D	1, Brabner (M); 2, Wallin (R); 3, Toomer (C). <i>Height:</i> 4 ft. 2 ins.
	C	1, Blyth (S); 2, Hughes (M); 3, Tillman (S). <i>Height:</i> 3 ft. 8 ins.
	B	1, Levin (R); 2, Ritchie (H); 3, Rixon (M). <i>Height:</i> 4 ft. 2 ins.
	A	1, Morgan (S); 2, Appleby (C); 3, Cumpsty (M). <i>Height:</i> 4 ft 3 ins.
Long Jump	F	1, Ratcliffe (S); 2, Hegan (J); 3, Moore (M). <i>Distance:</i> 12 ft. 4 ins.
	E	1, Maplesden (M); 2, Pitt (H); 3, Riddy (R). <i>Distance:</i> 14 ft. 0½ ins.
	D	1, Valdar (M); 2, Cole (M); 3, Johns (J). <i>Distance:</i> 12 ft. 1 in.
	C	1, Hughes (M); 2, Allen (S); 3, Felton (R). <i>Distance:</i> 13 ft. 0½ in.
	B	1, Roxin (M); 2, Holdsworth (S); 3, Handscombe (M). <i>Distance:</i> 13 ft. 8½ ins.
	A	1, Burt (C); 2, Williams (C); 3, Morgan (S). <i>Distance:</i> 14 ft. 10½ ins.
Relay Race		1, S; 2, C; 3, M; 4, J; 5, R; 6, H.
Victor Ludorum (Gamble Cup): R. E. Hughes (M), 23 pts.		
Runner-up (Summerfield Cup): R. C. Rixon (M), 19 pts.		
House Athletic Shield: 1, MEADOWS, 145 pts.; 2, Calverts, 95 pts.; 3, Strouts, 93 pts.; 4, Hendersons, 62 pts.; 5, Russells, 58 pts.; 6, Joblings, 34 pts.		

Aero Club

The Summer Term started with an outing to the Vickers Armstrong factories at Weybridge, Surrey, on April 24th. The party met at Waterloo and, after arriving at the airfield, were shown the manufacture of the Valiant, and after tea, that of the Viscount. The trip ended with the inspection of the new Viscount 800.

During the term a further eight films were shown, including a very interesting one about the last war. In May two talks were given; D. C. Baber, Esq., spoke on his experiences in flying the Cornell, and the secretary spoke on the R.A.F. Golden Jubilee

display at Farnborough, 1955, and Farnborough Air Show, 1955. On May 31st the first Aircraft Recognition Competition took place, which P. Moran won, with W. Rushworth a close second. The trophy, a model of a Viscount on a stand, was presented to the winner by the Headmaster.

On May 22nd a party of boys visited the airfield at Luton, where they were shown over the factories of Hunting Percival. The production of Provosts and Pembrokes was inspected, the latter from the inside. Also seen was the new P.74 helicopter.

The last item of the year was Commendation Day on July 27th. Many hundreds of photographs were displayed, covering nearly all types of aircraft. Many people expressed their appreciation of the many models in the display. I would like to thank all members of the school and outside firms for all the help they gave in preparing the Exhibition.

Lastly, I would like to thank the firms who have lent films; R. Hesselberger for operating the projector, and Mr. Baber, our President, for all his help.

G. SALMON, *Secretary*.

Canoe Club

This year has found many of the older members of the club very much preoccupied with more serious duties and responsibilities, and this has led to some diminution in our evening activity. However, during the winter months a few film talks were held, and as soon as the swimming bath opened it was found possible to start a new series of classes for teaching the art of the "Eskimo Roll".

At Easter, Mr. Delight led a large party of boys, some with and some without experience, along the Thames from Marlow to Long Wittenham and back again. At night accommodation was found in youth hostels, and we were again indebted to the Central Council of Physical Recreation for the use of their canoes from Bisham Abbey.

During the summer holidays two cruises were planned, one under Mr. Dudderidge down the rapids (Grade II-III) of the Welsh Dee from Bala; the other under Mr. Delight down the Severn from Welshpool.

During the course of the year several more boys have acquired canoes, some making their own from blue prints, others purchasing them, and more and more old boys from the club are becoming active in outside canoe clubs.

J. W. D.

The Christmas Islanders

Although the society is normally inactive during the Summer Term, J. D. Fox's lucid and thorough account on May 3rd of the "universal language" problem, from Volapuk to Interglossa, merited the delay involved.

P. J. Stoddard will be Chairman during the season 1956/57, which it is hoped will be notable for the proportion of boys active in the preparation of papers.

L. SEBBA, *Secretary*.

Christian Union

During the Summer Term the Union's activities were curtailed to some extent by examinations, but nevertheless a number of helpful meetings have been held.

Among those who spoke at the Monday lunch-hour sessions were the Rev. J. Headland, who gave us a challenging address on "Humility," and the Rev. D. A. Clark, who brought with him a tape recording of a service held in Australia. Mr. Donald Wiseman, a curator of the British Museum, told of some of his experiences as an archaeologist in Biblical lands, and the Rev. Leslie Laurie gave the closing address of the term.

It has been particularly encouraging to see a large number of Fourth Formers attending the meetings throughout the year and we would take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all at our informal meetings in the lunch-hour. Over the past years many have profited from the direct and challenging approach to the Bible and the practical considerations discussed.

Our thanks are due to our President, Mr. Delight, for his valuable assistance throughout the year, and to all who have helped and supported the Union in any way.

Finally, we are pleased to hand over the leadership of the Union for the coming year to Robin Blount, confident that both he and all members of the Union will strive "that in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

C. R. TRELEAVEN, J. G. WESSON, *Joint Leaders*.

Debating Society

Having received its blood transfusion from the late-lamented Mr. Rose and the undemonstratively efficient Mr. Hoare, both of whom have now passed away from the Society, and have been replaced respectively by Mr. Kustow and Mr. Stoddard, the Society met three times during the examination-bound Summer Term.

The Hon. Ex-Secretary's influence has been apparent in the Society's posters, and his mantle of belligerence has been taken over by Mr. Fairweather, paradoxically the Society's Dark Horse. Our support has derived in the main from the Fourth (and to a lesser extent) the Fifth Form, which bodes well for the future, but is no help to the Secretary in choosing Speakers. One is tempted to speculate whether the present Sixth Form really wants to become dumb Hollow Men, or whether this pose of lachrymatory blankness is merely another symptom of the general apathy with which the Upper School is at times afflicted.

The standard of debate has been tolerable, but often somewhat diffuse, perhaps, because many speakers have not adopted a sincerely-held attitude towards their subject. It would not be unreasonable to exhort members to use their brains before opening their mouths.

Our inter-schools debate with Royal Masonic decided, as resoundingly as its pitiful attendance was able, that religion was not the Opium of the People. The speakers in this debate (with the exception of Mr. Brittan) had an enviable faculty of irrelevancy—otherwise, there was little of note.

Mr. Brittan! The Pillar of the Society! He gracefully drew our attention towards the English aristocracy, proclaiming his respect for Dukes. The House, however, led by the indignant and incomprehensible Mr. Fairweather, proclaimed its disrespect in this direction.

The last debate of the term brought forth a flat refutation of logic, and of pretty well everything else. The intelligence (and sanity?) of the House was momentarily deranged by the unrestrained wanderings, on the subject of Ghosts, of the tongue of Mr. Gray (is he a ghost, too?). Several members walked out, and Mr. Lincoln scornfully told the House that this was "scintillating rubbish." A fitting epitaph to the Term.

M. D. KUSTOW, *Secretary*.

Jazz Club

The Club met more regularly during the Summer Term, and although nothing very definite or exciting was achieved, most of the sessions were enjoyable. A few of the more enthusiastic members have inspected critically the works of Bunk Johnson, Kid Ory, Jelly Roll Morton, Johnny Dodds, Humphrey Lyttelton, and several other better-known jazz musicians. This hard core of "real" jazz lovers has been surrounded, outnumbered and overwhelmed by those who, one cannot help feeling, have attended the meetings expecting to tap their feet to the stimulating but repetitive noises of Mr. B. Haley, to rave over the shouts, whispers, and unintelligible moans and groans of Mr. E. Presley, or to be thrown into ecstasies both mental and physical by the alluring vocal talents of Miss E. Kitt.

The School Jazz Club, although perhaps not popular in the Masters' Common Room, does not exist to provide the music which one can hear in juke-boxes all over England, or issuing from the Cricklewood Billiard Saloon on a Sunday night. Rather, the ideal of the Club is to introduce boys to a harmless and extremely satisfying type of music which they might otherwise miss on account of the prejudice which exists against the very name of jazz. It is to try and dispel this prejudice that we hold our meetings.

J. C. PORTER, *Secretary*.

Motor Enthusiasts' Club

This term the club again met every Monday lunch-hour and showed the best in motoring films, all of which were in colour, these being kindly provided by Dunlop Ltd., and the Rootes Group Ltd. Unfortunately the number of meetings had to be curtailed, owing to the annual examinations, but despite this the club still proved to be one of the most popular in the school. Each week the film alternated between motor racing and car rallies, and this proved to be very popular with all our members; many were the times we were held spellbound by the fantastic driving of the world's leading racing drivers, or by the magnificent views on the mountain passes with an almost unbelievably steep drop six inches away from the car's rear wheel.

On Whit Monday the club arranged an outing to the British Racing and Sports Car Club's race meeting at the Crystal Palace. A special feature of this meeting was the magnificent driving of Stirling Moss, and Reg Parnell's unfortunate crash in which he was thrown from his car. We are extremely grateful to the London County Council Parks Officer for so kindly providing us with the tickets for this very enjoyable meeting.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Keevil who has continued to act as our President.

R. HESSELBERGER, *Secretary*.

Printing Department

During the past year, and particularly during the past two terms, the Department has been able to concentrate on more interesting forms of printing, by leaving such matter as society membership cards and "chits" of all descriptions to the Lower School Printers, whose willingness to do such work has been perhaps somewhat too enthusiastic. Thus, in addition to the programmes for "Julius Caesar" and the School revue, both of which were produced in the usual hurry, we have begun the printing in book form of a poem by a member of the school; work on this is, however, proceeding rather slowly. Since all our recent work has been done on the new hand-operated flat-bed press we acquired early last year, we are endeavouring to sell our old treadle machine, with the proceeds from which we hope to buy some new type.

I should like to thank my assistants for the help I have received from them during the past year, and especially J. H. Rose, whose untiring and devoted work on the programme for the School play was very ill-rewarded by its result. I should finally like to thank Mr. Keevil for his continual aid, support and inspiration.

M. J. H.

Science Society

The Society's activities in the spring term began with a series of lectures and demonstrations given by a representative of Mullards. He spoke about the mode of action and uses of diodes, triodes and cathode ray tubes. An account of careers in the electronics industry was also given.

C. R. Treleaven gave an interesting talk on chromatography, together with demonstrations and a film. He showed that, when a solution of various substances is allowed to flow through a tube packed with a special material, the different substances are absorbed at different stages in their journey down the tube. Therefore, mixtures can be separated in this way. The film showed how proteins can be analysed using a chromatographic method.

Mr. B. Moody spoke about glass and reminded us of our dependence on it in everyday life. He told us about the constitution of glass and discussed the alterations in physical properties which occur when it contains small quantities of other substances. He explained how glass containers are made and annealed. He also told us how the fracture of glassware through thermal shock can be prevented.

In the Summer Term, a party in Dr. White's care visited the Non-ferrous Metals Research Laboratories. There we were told about the opportunities for metallurgists in industry and we were shown many machines and instruments used to test metals and alloys.

A party with Mr. Rouse later visited the General Electric Company's Research Laboratories, where we were shown the latest types of lamps and the instruments used to measure their illuminating power. We also visited the semi-conductors department.

Another party went with Mr. Brown to the oil refinery at Shellhaven, a visit which is reported below.

Finally, I should like to express our thanks to Mr. Payne, the President; Dr. White, the Chairman; and C. G. Hingley, the Treasurer, for the valuable help they have given to the Society.

B. W. NASH, *Secretary*.

SHELLHAVEN

What is the chief purpose of Science Society visits? To give the boys (and the masters) a rest, and a good tea at the end? This is certainly welcome, but it is not the most laudable *raison d'être* of the visits. Ideally, an industrial visit should convey something of the atmosphere of the industry to the visitors, and, especially for budding scientists, should attempt to relate the theoretical principles learnt at school with actual industrial techniques.

The visit paid by a party of 25 sixth-formers, led by Mr. Brown, to the Shell Oil Refinery at Shellhaven on the Thames Estuary was an outstanding success in this respect, and also in the less important matter of the hospitality provided. Our well-informed guides did their best to provide a simple outline of the

complex nature and size of a modern oil refinery: this was not at all easy, since the refinery seems more like something from a science fiction magazine than one of the nerve centres of the nation's economy. We were surprised to see how relevant much of the science we are taught at school is to modern industry: for example, fractional distillation can never be just another part of the "A" level syllabus for all those who went on the visit.

J. S. M.

Royal Society Conversazione

On May 10th the Royal Society held its annual *Conversazione*. This is an exhibition of work being done in some of the more recently-explored branches of science, and guests are invited. On the following day representatives from various schools are allowed to see the exhibition. Mr. Brown and six members of the Sixth Form represented our school. There were 34 exhibits, but unfortunately there was not enough time for us to see them all. I shall try to give a brief account of those I found most interesting.

X-ray diffraction studies show that most coals consist of small connected aromatic platelets with aliphatic groups attached to these aromatic groups. X-ray cameras were exhibited, and X-ray patterns of different types of coal and of samples of coal during carbonization were shown.

The amount of light scattered by very small particles is inversely proportional to the fourth power of the wavelength of the light. Hence blue light is scattered more readily than light of other colours and this explains why tobacco smoke and the unclouded sky are blue.

A glass surface with silvered strips was shown which had been covered with a thin selenium wedge. This piece of apparatus gave a simple demonstration of the fact that there is a change in phase of a wave reflected from a surface if the second medium is optically denser than the first.

Some of the first cathode ray tubes used by J. J. Thomson to discover the properties of electrons were exhibited. There were also models to illustrate the arrangement of atoms in the molecules of vitamin B12 and of deoxyribose nucleic acid. Model glaciers of kaolin and water were shown which crevassed and flowed realistically.

A film was shown which indicated that in industrial areas where the air is polluted, moths tend over a period of years to turn black in colour. This change reduces their chance of being detected by birds when resting on dirty tree trunks. Whilst at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution a black moth of one species was very rare, now the white variety of that species is becoming rare.

The exhibition was very interesting and of great value to those who were able to see it.

B. W. N.

R.S.C.M. Festival

REMINISCENCES, AFTER HEARING DYLAN THOMAS' "CONVERSATION ABOUT CHRISTMAS"

Boy:—You were late home last night.

Treble: Yes, I had to go to St. Albans.

Boy: What for?

Treble: The School Choir was taking part in a choir festival with other choirs.

Boy: Was it a service then, or just singing?

Treble: It was the service of Evensong.

Boy: Was it? Whose setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis did you sing?

Treble: We sang Charles Wood's setting in C Minor.

Boy: Which Psalm did you sing?

Treble: We sang Psalm 24.

Boy: Who were the organist and conductor?

Treble: Well, the conductor was Dr. Bryce of Brentwood School; you know him quite well I believe. The usual Cathedral organist, Mr. C. P. P. Burton, was playing.

Boy: Did you sing any anthems?

Treble: Yes. "All from the Sun's uprising," a dull one I forget by whom; "How goodly are thy tents," a slow one by Ouseley, and "Praise Thou the Lord," a loud, rousing one by Statham.

Boy: Was that all?

Treble: Just about.

Boy: Was it worth it?

Treble: Of course.

R. E. H.

School Library Notes

The continuously increasing popularity of the Library is indicative of interest in things of the mind, an interest stimulated by the quality of the literature available. Although there is great need for many additional (and for the removal of outdated) books, a start has been made. All sections have been enlarged by recent publications, although there is only space here to give special mention to the Economics and Philosophy sections, which have been placed on modern foundations.

Perhaps the greatest contribution to the Library's success has been the efficiency and enthusiasm of the staff. The Library may one day expand into larger and better quarters; it will be better stocked; but it will never function without the hard work of its staff. Of these, special mention should be made of Saville, who has assisted ably throughout the year, and Sanders, who deputized during the examinations. They and their assistants will best be rewarded when every boy in the Upper School makes full use of the facilities available.

The following joined the staff since the last issue of "THE SKYLARK": Bustard and A. Newton.

The following have been appointed full Librarians: C. C. Gray, D. J. Walker.

B. R. LINCOLN, *School Librarian*.

BOOK REVIEW

"William Poel and the Elizabethan Revival," by Robert Speaight.

Fifty years ago almost every Shakespearian production tried to be as elaborate and "realistic" as possible. No effort was spared to give a vivid picture of the scene of the action. Now, on the other hand, productions tend to be far more simple and swift-moving, and the use of the apron stage is no longer an occasion for surprise. In fact, in the past 50 years, the changes in the technique of Shakespearian production have been almost revolutionary. Even among keen theatre-goers, however, there are few who know how this revolution occurred. It is largely to remedy this deficiency that Mr. Speaight has written this book (at the invitation of the Society for Theatre Research). In it he shows how the changes in Shakespearian production are to a considerable extent due to the work of one man, William Poel.

As befits an official biographer, Mr. Speaight describes in detail Poel's career as a producer, and the development of his ideas on theatrical production. Poel, above all, felt that Shakespearian and other Elizabethan plays could not be adequately contained within the limits of the proscenium stage. Moreover, in his view these plays were harmed by realistic scenery, since the rhythm of the plays was destroyed by the intervals that these accessories made necessary. But of far greater importance than this was the fact that in modern productions the audience no longer felt themselves personally involved in the play: they were merely watching the play from in front, whereas in Elizabethan times the effect was quite different, since the audience was "in the play, not in front of it."

It is very much to Mr. Speaight's credit that he does not merely give an account of Poel's work, but also describes the sort of production associated with Sir Henry Irving and Beerbohm Tree, so that we can see against what it was that Poel reacted. It is, for example, almost incredible that at one time the ends of scenes were cut, so as to conclude on a "rousing" note, in order that the actor should get a "hand" on his exit.

Although this book is most valuable for anyone who is at all interested in the theatre, it does something more than give an account of the origins of the Elizabethan revival. It also gives us a portrait of a very vigorous and interesting personality. Throughout the book, the author makes us sympathize with and support Poel's activities, and in this lies the secret of his success. Yet it is typical of the book that we are told what was on the menu at the dinner given in Poel's honour in 1912, and one cannot help feeling that, if Mr. Speaight had approached his task in a slightly less dogged and conscientious way, he would have written an even better book. L.B.

Costa Brava

Escaping from one of the most disappointing English summers, a party of two masters and 32 boys, drawn equally from the Upper and Lower Schools, crossed the Channel in the latter half of August, and travelled by way of Paris to the Spanish frontier at Port Bou. In the bright sunlight of early morning we ran along by the shallow seas which have, during the centuries, receded from the ancient port of Narbonne, past conical hillocks of glistening white salt on the one side, and the castle-crowned hills of the Eastern Pyrenees on the other. Entering Spain, we left the train to board a coach which climbed steeply out of the little port, rounded a bend, and revealed the bays and headlands of the eastern Costa Brava stretching away for miles. Turning inland to

better roads, we travelled via Figueras to Gerona, with its cathedral and gardens; and thence, over dried-up river beds and through irrigated vineyards, to Blanes, the little fishing port, with curving beach and narrow streets, which was to be our home for nearly a fortnight.

We were lucky in our *fonda*, whose proprietors did their best to make us comfortable, and gave us meals which were often unusual and occasionally alarming. The (unpaved) street was so narrow that those of us who were living in the two opposite sections of the *fonda* could almost reach across to shake hands. By day, in many shops and houses, hanging screens of beads took the place of doors, allowing a freer flow of air. A feature of many of these Spanish towns is the double rows of plane trees whose dense foliage gives welcome shade, in which fruit and other markets are held. Grapes and melons, aubergines and peaches, pumpkins and peppers were sold each morning—often most attractively set out.

The wooded hillsides were covered with a growth of parasol pines, cork oaks, whose pinkish-chocolate stems revealed recent stripping, and a varied growth of brushwood. On terraces everywhere, and on the more level ground, were vines by the thousand, now rich in fruit; maize, whose golden-orange cobs are strung upon trees to ripen in the sun; peach orchards; tomato plantations; and bamboos to provide canes for many uses. Transport varied from heavy lorries and coaches to single sun-shaded carts, to which one would occasionally see both a pony and a donkey harnessed. The latter was often ridden alone—an ambling steed. One hillside overlooking Blanes was a treasure-house of lizards, spiders, cicadas, swallow-tails, praying mantis, and much else.

Bathing was excellent, providing long swims for the intrepid, fun in the breakers, and good hunting for those interested in submarine life, who, with the aid of goggles, snorkels, nets and lines, caught fish, octopus, sea-cucumber, starfish, and sea-urchins. Many of these would also appear at the daily fish market, together with skate and rays, shellfish, and huge-mouthed angler-fish.

We visited Barcelona: shopped in the Ramblas, overlooked the harbour, and spent some time in the Spanish village, where the demonstrations of local crafts were well worth seeing. Another day took us to Montserrat, from whose 3,000-foot summit we had a superb view of much of Catalonia. Finally, a hair-raising drive to Lloret and Tossa de Mar provided thrills, and gave a good idea of the land behind the coast.

The health of the party was very good, in spite of urgent warnings about water, food and sunstroke. The heat at mid-day necessitated something of a siesta after lunch—and, in any case, the shops close until about 4 p.m., and animation is suspended. Spanish meals are much later than ours, and it was a concession to us to have dinner at 8, lasting the greater part of an hour. On our one visit to the cinema, mainly to see an illuminating colour film

of bull-fighting, the performance began at 10 p.m., and ended at 1.30 a.m.—which meant bed at 2 a.m.

The trip was one of the happiest we have had, and provided a good introduction to Spain, especially for those who are learning its language. We met with much friendliness there. I should like to acknowledge the valued support of the Headmaster and Mr. McNair, the unstinted and practical help of Mr. Guidon, my travelling companion, and the contribution of the seniors and section leaders, notably M. Devine, G. P. Bigg, J. W. Valentine, A. Axon, and D. Baker.

J. F. C.

The Young Artist

AN ESSAY

The difficulties facing every young artist are not only practical ones of technique, execution and the acquirement of an individual style, but also problems of the correct approach to his art.

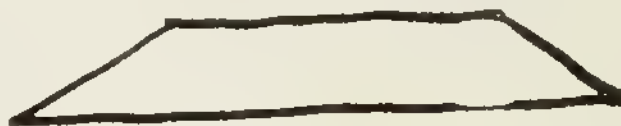
Ever since the late Middle Ages, the Western artist has steadily retreated from external reality in his attempts to represent a three-dimensional object on a plane surface. Each one of us knows from experience what shape various objects have. Because we have often picked up a bottle, a book or a pen, and felt their shapes with our fingers as well as having looked at them from all sides with our eyes, we know their particular forms so well that we can with ease think about them and visualize them when they are out of sight. What we automatically remember about an object is its significant form—its “roundness,” “squareness,” or “angularity.”

The young artist must learn to represent this significant form of an object on a flat surface, and over the centuries a number of technical short cuts have been devised to help achieve this. They include perspective, *chiaroscuro*, colour and tone recession. These short cuts have come to be labelled “laws” and are invariably the first things taught to a young artist. On consideration, however, we realize that each one of these “laws” distorts and suppresses the essential form of an object and only *seems* to render it more solid because we unconsciously accept certain arbitrary conditions imposed upon our minds since childhood.

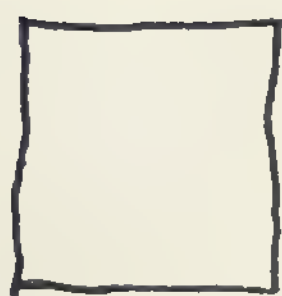
Perspective (first extensively used by the Renaissance artists) is really a distortion of constant form. A square in perspective completely ceases to resemble a square.



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Chiaroscuro is a distortion of constant tone (it was first used by the Baroque artists) and consists of darkening one side of an object to make it look more solid.

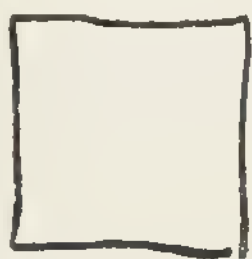


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Constant colour was first repressed by the Impressionists who substituted "open-air" colours. In the last fifty years the European painter has gone further still and has completely destroyed the "traditional" picture pattern. He has done this by first distorting constant peripheral vision:

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we focus our attention on the lower left hand corner. (This was first achieved by Cézanne and is the basis of the so-called ambiguities in his pictures).

Finally Matisse and Picasso dispensed with the constant focus localization found in all previous pictures (including those of Cézanne) by no longer having a principal object in the picture on which we can focus our attention. The picture is no longer *just* the woman in the middle whose portrait it is supposed to be.

The evolution from traditional to modern art has been primarily on increasing freedom of the automatic creations of the mind (for every artist produces his forms partly by conscious control, partly automatically). This evolution is part of a general trend in our culture which reduces the value of the conscious surface mind and seeks deeper insight beyond the limits of logic and rationality. Many think that this process has reached a significant, though not necessarily conclusive, point in the last few years.

There is no longer anything new to be discovered in painting as we know it and a young artist like David Pearce, VIA(Mod.), has to make his choice in the method of approach he adopts. He may wish to let his style evolve gradually, following closely the historical evolution of painting, but he will always be under the influence of his contemporaries and will often imitate them without fully understanding their purpose. The results are paintings which remind one of some artist or school of painting, but once this has been identified they fail completely to retain the initial impressions they gave.

Pearce is talented enough not to have to worry about getting his paintings technically correct (except perhaps his colour sense, which in many paintings well supports his claim to being colour blind), but must rather try and sort out in his mind what he is

aiming at before he starts a picture and not during its execution. (Perhaps the short outline at the beginning of this essay will help him, brief though it is.)

Often we can obtain much greater pleasure from his quick sketches, done with a restricted palette and a good underlying drawing, than from many of his finished paintings. In these sketches a unity of pattern, tone and colour is obtained by the simplest means. Space is destroyed and instead a plastic pattern is created. The painting is no longer on the surface of the canvas but seems an inseparable part of it. This is well shown in the "Still Life" reproduced in this issue, but please remember that this is structurally much simplified by the lack of colour and the considerable reduction.

The criticisms made in this essay will apply to most young artists, so perhaps, at this stage, it is best to regard all of Pearce's art as a necessary foundation for the future.

A. S.

T.N.P.

On Friday, May 4th, 1956, a party of boys and staff visited the Palace Theatre to see a performance of Molière's "Don Juan," given by the Théâtre National Populaire. It was to be a memorable occasion.

The play itself follows in broad outline the familiar pattern of the Don Juan legend, but it differs considerably in interpretation from the original Spanish play by Tirso de Molina. The latter has essentially a religious foundation; Molière, however, has simply seized upon the ready material with the sole purpose of creating yet another "comédie." The misunderstandings which occur in Act II between Don Juan and the two peasant girls, and the farcical scene with M. Dimanche in Act IV have no real bearing on the play as a whole; they are isolated incidents, included by Molière solely for the highly comic situations which they produce.

Although "Don Juan" is not a direct satire on the life and manners of seventeenth century French society, and cannot, for example, be compared with "Les Précieuses Ridicules" or "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," Molière nevertheless cannot resist making his usual jibes at the medical profession and at Christian hypocrisy. Even the hero, Don Juan himself, is finally made to turn hypocrite in order to ward off his father's anger.

The actual direction of the play, by Jean Vilar, who also played the part of Don Juan, was as absorbing as it was ingenious. There was no main curtain, and décor was a minimum, consisting of two or three wooden stools and a sloping ramp which disappeared into the darkness at the back of the stage.

One of the most remarkable things about this fascinating production was the use made of lighting. One particular scene is worthy of mention, in which four vertical shafts of light suddenly pierce the darkness to form the pillars of a church. In the same

scene the difficult task of introducing a live statue on to the stage is also realistically achieved by the clever use of lighting. As a masterpiece in dramatic technique this scene is quite outstanding.

To what extent M. Jean Vilar has over-emphasized the comic element in the play depends on how far Molière himself has modified the fundamental theme of Don Juan. Although it is agreed that Molière intended his "Don Juan" to be a comedy, the near "slapstick" humour in some of the scenes seemed rather unwarranted.

The acting, as was to be expected, was of a high standard, and special mention must be made of Daniel Sorano who played the exacting part of Sganarelle, Don Juan's valet. By his interpretation of the true Molière clown, he won the whole-hearted sympathy and applause of the audience.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. Barling for arranging the visit for us. For several of us it was an introduction to the French Theatre, and although taxing somewhat our powers of concentration, it did give us a very enjoyable, if rather unusual, evening's entertainment. It is only to be hoped that such rare opportunities will be repeated, and that interest in French literature as a whole will be thus stimulated.

D. J. W.

Preparatory School Notes

The beginning of the Summer Term was saddened by Miss Wozencroft's absence, owing to serious illness. We have been much cheered, however, by the news of her excellent progress, and we have been very lucky in having Miss Austin as her deputy. We were very glad to welcome Mr. Ollett back after his serious operation.

It has been, as always, a busy and enjoyable term. Mrs. Adams very kindly came over to judge the Singing Competition, in which St. Patrick's were again successful. Mr. Cooper, to whom we are very grateful for much kindness, judged the Reading Competition, in which P. G. Newson (Senior) and P. P. Davies (Junior) won prizes. Sports Day was on June 29th, and despite the wretched weather braved by a large audience, the full programme was carried through. Mrs. Taylor presented the Sports Cup to St. David's; we were very pleased to welcome her and the Headmaster. The biennial all-day outings were blessed with much better weather. The seniors spent the morning on Berkhamsted Common and the afternoon at the Royal Tournament; the juniors spent another day at Woburn. Everybody seems to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The cricket XI had a good season, and indeed, with a little luck, might have had an outstanding one. Of the two matches lost, one was by a margin of only four runs, to a side which on the day had all the luck and which later in the season was handsomely

beaten by us. Of the two drawn matches, one was to all intents and purposes a win, and in the other, victory was denied us by rain. The remaining four matches were won fairly easily. The team can therefore feel much satisfaction with its results; particular mention should be made of the bowling and fielding of the captain, P. T. Brown, and of the batting of the vice-captain, A. J. B. Gray. Cricket colours were reawarded to Brown, and awarded to Gray, M. S. Sorrell, P. D. Thomas, and R. M. Harris. The results were as follows:—

- May 16th *v.* Shirley House (Away). Lost. Shirley House 59, H.P.S. 55. (Harris, 22; Brown, 5 for 17; Leverton, 3 for 10).
 May 25th *v.* University College Preparatory School (Home). Drawn. H.P.S. 68 (Gray, 24 not out); U.C.P.S. 27 for 9 (Brown, 6 for 6).
 May 30th *v.* Dulwich College Preparatory School (Away). Lost. Dulwich 52 for 3 dec.; H.P.S. 43 (Sorrell, 18 not out).
 June 15th *v.* Shirley House (Home). Won. H.P.S. 54 (Antrobus, 18); Shirley House 27 (Karter, 3 for 2).
 June 28th *v.* Ex-Prep. Won. H.P.S. 67 for 3 dec. (Gray, 21; Sorrell, 17 not out); Ex-Prep. 32 (Brown, 6 for 6).
 June 29th *v.* The Fathers (Home). Won. Fathers 49; H.P.S. 58 (Brown, 19).
 July 13th *v.* Dulwich College (Home). Drawn. H.P.S. 70 for 4 dec. (Thomas, 24; Gray, 22). Dulwich 19 for 7 (Brown, 3 for 6).
 July 16th *v.* Lochinver House School (Away). Won. Lochinver 29 (Brown, 4 for 6; Sorrell, 3 for 7); H.P.S. 100 (Underwood, 22; Brown, 18; Gray, 18).

For the third year in succession we collected £100 for charity. We are deeply grateful to all who contributed so generously to make this fine result possible. Form IVA collected the most during the year.

The Open Days on July 24th and 25th, were fortunately fine. There was the usual varied programme of displays of work, of physical education (juniors), puppetry, dramatics and music. A large number of boys took part in these activities, and particular mention should be made of P. G. Newson, who had the leading part in the play, and whose painting, which was awarded third prize for Middlesex in a national art competition, was on show; M. J. Bowen, also prominent in the play and for his art; C. R. Wood, the young solo pianist; J. S. Hack for his singing; and R. Forbes for his recorder playing. The senior play, produced by Miss Jagoe, was "Wind in the Willows," much enjoyed by a large audience on each afternoon. Dr. H. H. Swinnerton, C.B.E., most kindly presented the various trophies and medals, as follows:—

Individual Medals: Cross-Country (Senior): R. B. Hakes
 Cross-Country (Junior): J. M. Lyon
 Victor Ludorum (Sport): P. D. Thomas
 Chess: J. R. Mitchell

CUPS

Football: St. David's
 Boxing: St. David's
 Cross-Country: St. David's
 Physical Training: St. George's
 Singing: St. Patrick's
 Chess: St. Patrick's
 House Shield: St. Patrick's

Sports: St. David's
 Cricket: St. Patrick's
 Rounders: St. Andrew's
 Conduct: St. George's
 Work: St. Patrick's

SPORTS RESULTS

Long Jump	1, P. D. Thomas; 2, Karter; 3, Devine.
High Jump	1, Hakes; 2, Jefford; 3, Karter.
80 Yards (8-9)	1, Lyon; 2, Robinson minor; 3, Cockburn.
100 Yards (9-10)	1, Popley; 2, Kettle; 3, Fenn.
100 Yards (10-11)	1, Fellows; 2, Knaster; 3, Harris.
100 Yards (Over 11)	1, McCreath; 2, P. D. Thomas; 3, Jefford.
Sack Race (8-9)	1, Ryan; 2, Robinson minor; 3, Bieber.
Sack Race (9-10)	1, Bucknell; 2, J. H. Roberts; 3, P. N. Wood.
Sack Race (Over 11)	1, P. D. Thomas; 2, Newson; 3, Alexander.
Three-Legged Race (8-9)	1, Ashley-Templeman; 2, Lyon-Rouse; 3, Cockburn-Sebba.
Three-Legged Race (9-10)	1, Bucknell-P. M. Thomas; 2, Bishop-Evans; 3, Moore-C. R. Wood.
Three-Legged Race (10-11)	1, Harris-Minshull; 2, Edwards major-Pennington; 3, Leech-Saphir.
Three-Legged Race (Over 11)	1, Hakes-P. D. Thomas; 2, Knaster-McCreath; 3, Gray-Neal.
House Relay (Under 9)	1, St. David's; 2, St. Patrick's; 3, St. Andrew's.
House Relay (9-10)	1, St. David's; 2, St. Andrew's; 3, St. George's.
House Relay (10-11)	1, St. George's; 2, St. David's; 3, St. Andrew's.
House Relay (Over 11)	1, St. David's; 2, St. Patrick's; 3, St. George's.
House Relay (Medley)	1, St. David's; 2, St. George's; 3, St. Andrew's.
Cricket Ball	1, D. A. Lewis; 2, Karter; 3, P. T. Brown.
Othagon (8-9)	1, Templeman; 2, Quick; 3, Ryan.
Othagon (9-10)	1, Popley; 2, Ohrenstein; 3, Edwards major.
Othagon (10-11)	1, Foord; 2, Lawton; 3, Burt.
Othagon (Over 11)	1, Newson; 2, Blake major; 3, Sorrell.
Obstacle Race	1, Devine; 2, Neal; 3, Hakes.

At the end of term, the following appointments for 1955-6 were made:—

<i>Head Boy:</i>	P. H. FELLOWS
<i>Deputy Head Boy:</i>	M. D. LAWTON
<i>Captain of Games:</i>	R. M. HARRIS
<i>House Captains:</i>	<i>St. Andrew's:</i> P. H. FELLOWS <i>St. David's:</i> P. J. HODGSON <i>St. George's:</i> G. E. MINSHULL <i>St. Patrick's:</i> M. D. LAWTON
<i>House Vice-Captains:</i>	<i>St. Andrew's:</i> J. A. COOPER <i>St. David's:</i> K. W. BURT <i>St. George's:</i> P. J. ANNETT <i>St. Patrick's:</i> N. C. MASON
<i>House Games Captains:</i>	<i>St. Andrew's:</i> I. D. TOYNTON <i>St. David's:</i> N. A. LEVERTON <i>St. George's:</i> P. N. VALDAR <i>St. Patrick's:</i> M. D. OHRENSTEIN

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TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

It may prove of interest to your readers to be informed of a novel and interesting method of taking the charity collection which, with the permission of the Form Master, was adopted in our form last year. During the year every boy was expected to give a five-minute talk on one of the charities to which a donation was sent from the School last year. He thus could choose his talk from a wide selection of "causes," ranging from world-wide organizations to

local hospitals, and delivered it on an allotted date. Following the talk there was an opportunity for questions, after which a collection was taken. This method of taking the charity collection proved to be of interest to everyone in the form, takes up little time, and certainly achieves a more sympathetic practical interest than might otherwise have been given.

Yours, etc.,

R. L. S.

Our Contemporaries

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following magazines from other schools, apologising for any inadvertent omissions: The Aldenhamian, Askean, Berkhamstedian, Britannia, Brightonian, City of London School Magazine, Caterham School Magazine, Copthall County Grammar School Magazine, Elizabethan, Elthamian, Elysian, Fettesian, Georgian, Gaytonian, Heriotes, Laxtonian, Liverpool College Magazine, Masonian, Mill Hill School Magazine, Monmothian, N.L.C.S. Magazine, Novaportan, Pelican, Portcullis, Sulian, Taylorian, Wellingburian, "The Wish Stream" (Magazine of the R.M.C., Sandhurst), and The Latymerian.

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Steed, P. J.
Webb, C. D.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 11th—H.O.B.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and Reunion at the School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23rd—H.O.B.C. ANNUAL DANCE at Hendon Hall Hotel, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1st—SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS Rugby Matches at Chase Lodge at 2.15.

OLD HABERDASHERS' R.F.C. ANNUAL DINNER at Hendon Hall Hotel, 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2nd—H.O.B.C. ANNUAL DINNER, Haberdashers' Company's Hall, Gresham Street, E.C.2, 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 12th—OLD HABERDASHERS' R.F.C. ANNUAL DANCE at Hendon Hall Hotel, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

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H.O.B.C. Annual Dinner

FEBRUARY 2nd, 1957

It is hoped to hold the Annual Dinner of the Haberdashers' Old Boys' Club in the new Hall of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers in Gresham Street, E.C.2.

The Committee which has been trying to arrange this historic event is anxious that all members should understand that numbers attending must be strictly limited. A special notification will be sent out as soon as possible to enable members to apply for tickets in good time. Meanwhile they are advised to book the date.

The recent opening of the new Hall by the Lord Mayor was attended by members of the School, which has contributed a stained glass window. It would be a magnificent setting for the Old Boys' Annual Dinner.

Births

WHITE—On May 24th, 1956, to Valerie, wife of A. T. White, a daughter (Susan Alison).

Marriages

BANFIELD-DIX—On June 16th, 1956, at St. Augustine's Church, Grove Park, K. G. Banfield (1939-46) to Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dix of Bromley, Kent.

BEAUMONT-SPRATT—On June 23rd, 1956, at the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, Golders Green, J. A. R. Beaumont (1934-38), to Miss Elizabeth Spratt.

GAINSBOROUGH-COX—On July 25th, 1956, at St. Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, D. G. Gainsborough to Gillian Maureen Cox.

MADDOCKS-SOMAN—In March, 1956, at St. Stephen's, Ealing, K. E. Maddocks (1938-40, and 1943-44), to Miss Claudia Soman.

SPIERS-HUTTON—On June 23rd, 1956, Flying-Officer Gordon Spiers, R.A.F., to Ann Kathleen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hutton of Edgware. Best man was Flt.-Lt. R. J. Spiers, and the bride's brother is also an O.H.

Deaths

COOPER—D. J. Cooper (1937-43), early this year.

DAVIES—On July 30th, 1956, John Brian Davies was drowned in a yachting accident on the Welsh Harp. "J.B." was studying medicine at U.C.H., and a brilliant career lay before him. He had played for the Old Boys' Rugger Club for a season in the Ex A and A XVs and will be greatly missed by older as well as younger members of the Club. He was aged 19.

FREEMAN—The death has occurred at the age of 67, of Peter Freeman, M.P. for Newport for the past 11 years. Another of the famous family, Peter Freeman played a prominent part in South Wales public life for 30 years. As a Socialist he first entered Parliament in 1929 as Member for the Brecon and Radnor division. Formerly he was managing director of J. R. Freeman and Son, the London and Cardiff tobacco firm, and in 1920 he won the Welsh open singles lawn tennis championship. In 1909 he was elected to the Hoxton Board of Guardians, but after World War I, when he went to South Wales, he served on the Penarth U.D.C. and later on the Cardiff City Council and the Glamorgan County Council. He was a former chairman of the India League and the Ethiopian Council. His publications included: "The Druids and Theosophy," "Brotherhood," "Our Younger Brothers, the Animals," "Our Duty to India," "World Peace and Vegetarianism," and "The Government of the World." He is survived by his widow, son and daughter. He had been ill since last October, when, on the eve of an extensive Indian tour, he had to enter hospital.

HOLLAND—On August 14th, 1956, J. J. Holland (1948-55), well-known to many still at school, died at the Royal Masonic Hospital.

PURTON—The death occurred, at Ifield, Sussex, in December last, of F. H. Purton, one of the old "Hoxtonians." He was always interested in the Old Boys and had subscribed to the Elstree Ground funds.

WHITFIELD—On April 13th, 1956, at Newquay, Cornwall, as the result of an accident while at work, Graham Whitfield was killed. He will be remembered by the older Rugby Club members, for whom he played before entering the Police Force. He later played for the Metropolitan Police and was a first-class forward. The Old Boys had not seen much of him since his removal to Newquay, but he had journeyed to Plymouth when the O.H. visited the Albion there.

Personal

BISHOP C. M. (1947-55), who is at present at the London School of Printing and Graphic Arts, is to be congratulated on winning the Howard Hazell Scholarship, of the value of £100.

BROCK A. (1914-24) has been elected Mayor of Richmond.

GILBERT A. S., C.B.E. (1918-23), of the Board of Trade, has been appointed Secretary of the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission.

HOLLAND C. (1947-49) has obtained Honours (Upper Second Class) at London University.

LANG F. J. (1910-20) is to be congratulated on the award of the M.B.E. (Military Division) in The Queen's Birthday Honours last June.

MATTHEWS V. C. (1946-51) was among London athletes in the athletics match against Prague in July, and ran in the 120 yards hurdles.

McEvoy T. N., Air Marshal, was created Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours list. Sir Theodore is the immediate Past President of the Haberdashers' Old Boys' Club, and is Chief of Staff, Allied Air Forces, Central Europe.

ROBINSON C. J. (1943-48) is to be congratulated on his selection for the British Water Polo Team at the Olympic Games this year.

SMAILS W. P. (1945-51) has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

TAYLOR J. C. (1949-50) has been appointed to the Mathematics Staff of Melbourne University.

O.H. Cricket Club

President: D. A. BLESSLEY

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The 1st XI started the season most encouragingly with victories over Old Cholmeleians, Northwood, Old Fullerians, Friern Manor, followed by a very close game with Stanmore on Whit Monday, losing in the last over after we had declared, 192 for 5. However, by the time of these notes, compiled over the August Bank Holiday, the batting, like the weather, had completely broken down, and was beyond description. This is chiefly due to lack of practice and poor technique against good bowling on slow wickets and those taking spin. The few recent successes of the side have been mainly

due to good fielding, the wicket-keeping of John Liddington and the bowling of Binney, Maconachie and Wheal, who have all been tremendous in both vigour and achievement, so much so that only on three occasions have we had to face totals of over 150. On the batting side, Gainsborough, Ward, Jack, Maconachie and Martin have been the most consistent and have all had scores of over 50. To date we have won 9, drawn 4 and lost 8.

The 2nd XI, again captained by Bernard Tilley, are steadily improving, but as last year have been weakened by irregular attendances of a number of the senior side. Again the mainstay of the team have been the bowlers, with Tilley, Blessley, and Van Weede obtaining most of the wickets. Notable games have been victories over the H.A.C., Mill Hill and National Bank. Six games have been won, four drawn and eight lost; these results could have been improved had we been able to rely on a better availability among the players generally.

We have been pleased to welcome Wheal, Bryant, Fisk, Buchanan, Spores and M. Brown, who have all had creditable performances in their first season, but with an even longer list for 1957, which includes new fixtures: President's XI, Old Tauntonians, Old Dunstonians, many more players are needed. D. W. Curtis, J. Horrocks, O. R. V. Edis and E. N. Curtis have already indicated that they will play when free from other calls. Ian Scofield has played in a number of games and other players from School are always welcome during holidays.

I mentioned in the last notes that this season would be a severe test. We have done reasonably well, but many of the results could have been improved upon. I repeat once again that some members must play more regularly if we are to keep the excellent list we now have, and more individual effort must be made towards the upkeep of the ground. Lastly our thanks to Mr. Gainsborough, W. R. Tanner and J. Weinstein for umpiring and scoring throughout the season.

G. A. MARTIN.

O.H. Rugby Football Club

President: A. G. JENKINS, M.B.E.,
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Season 1956-57 opens with a burst of activity and enthusiasm under the new captain, John Stagg, who is also track captain of the O.H. Athletic Club. If his example of keenness and fitness is followed by the Club as a whole, a good season is ensured. Setting the seal upon a most successful year as President, G. B. Jamieson, from the fastnesses of Chippenham, has convinced the Club that some special

effort must be made to improve the standard of play, commencing with the teaching of the elementary principles of the game. Time and again in the past few seasons matches have been lost because of inability to give and take a pass or to perform accurately some other simple manoeuvre. With W. R. Tanner as its Secretary, a Training and Coaching Sub-Committee has now drawn up a scheme for some intensive coaching in the early part of the season, and the response to date from players is most encouraging. We hope that all the XVs will feel the benefit of their work in the matches which follow.

During the Summer, members have come across Old Boys recently at the School who are completely without knowledge of the Old Boys' Rugby Club, how, when and where it functions, and how to join it. The Club is most anxious to get into touch with *all* Old Boys interested in Rugby Football, either as players or followers of the game. The Hon. Match Secretary, J. S. Alexander, has arranged fixtures for six XVs each Saturday, and there is a game awaiting all Old Boys who will turn out. They need *not* have been outstanding players at School. There is a place in one of the O.H. six teams for anyone keen, fit and interested in the game. Any intending new member should contact any of the officers of the club whose addresses appear at the head of these notes.

The Old Boys' Seven-a-Side Tournament which proved a great success last year, is again being held at Elstree on Sunday, September 23rd, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Twenty-three Old Boys' clubs have entered including Old Blues, Whitgiftians, Askeans, Emanuel, Colfeians, Tauntonians, and K.C.S. Old Boys, besides O.H. themselves. It is hoped to have a record attendance at the ground.

First fixture at Elstree is *versus* Westminster Hospital, on Sept. 22nd, and three XVs play there on most Saturdays throughout the season. Spectators are welcome, and tea is available in the pavilion. The ground is situated in Croxdale Road, Theobald Street, Boreham Wood. The 52 bus from Burnt Oak passes the ground. Quickest route from Town is by L.M.R. to Elstree Station. Turn right out of station to the "Crown" and the ground is six minutes walk up Theobald Street adjoining. Green Line buses 712 and 713 from Baker Street, Golders Green and Hendon go to Aberford Road, Boreham Wood; walk up Aberford Road into Croxdale Road (six minutes walk).

By road: via the A1 (Barnet By-pass) to Stirling Corner, where turn sharp left. Then first right (Furze Hill Road) into Boreham Wood, turning left then right at the "Crown".

SEASON 1956-57

Home Matches at Croxdale Road, Boreham Wood

1956		
Sept.	22nd	1st XV v. WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL
	23rd	OLD BOYS' SEVENS TOURNAMENT
	29th	A XV v. Old Dunstonians A

Oct.	6th	Ex A XV v. London Irish A
	13th	1st XV v. K.C.S. OLD BOYS
	20th	Ex A XV v. Biggleswade A
	27th	1st XV v. OLD RUTLISHIANS
Nov.	3rd	A XV v. Woodford A
	10th	A XV v. Saracens A
	17th	1st XV v. OLD CRANLEIGHANS
	24th	1st XV v. OLD REIGATEIANS
Dec.	1st	1st XV v. OLD MILLHILLIANS
	8th	A XV v. Old Pauline A
	15th	1st XV v. SUTTON
	22nd	Ex A XV v. Old Creightonians A
	29th	A XV v. Streatham Ex 1st.
1957		
Jan.	5th	1st XV v. SIDCUP
	12th	A XV v. Old Askeans A
	19th	A XV v. London Welsh A
	26th	1st XV v. STROUD
Feb.	2nd	1st XV v. MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL
	9th	1st XV v. ST. BART'S. HOSPITAL
	16th	Ex A XV v. K.C.S. Old Boys Ex A
	23rd	England v. France
March	2nd	1st XV v. OLD EMANUEL
	9th	A XV v. Camelot
	16th	England v. Scotland
	23rd	A XV v. Old Whitgiftians A
	30th	A XV v. U.S. Chatham Ex 1st
April	6th	1st XV v. OLD ALLEYNIANS

O.H. Athletic Club

Track Captain: J. G. Stagg, 70, Chambers Lane, N.W.10.

Hon. Secretary: B. A. Goodman, 42, St. Gabriel's Road, N.W.2.

The strength of the Athletic Club has been steadily increasing during the past few years and the 1956 season has been a successful one, owing to an increased membership from the school and recent school leavers. Of the six matches held, the Club won four and came second in the other two—a very satisfactory performance.

The first match on May 29th against the School at Chase Lodge resulted in a win for the Old Boys by the narrow margin of 65 points to 57 points. Our regular fixture against the Old Gaytonians on June 14th, in which W. H. Smith A.C. took part, resulted in a convincing win for the Club with 48 points to the Old Gaytonians' 29 points and W. H. Smith A.C.'s 25 points.

On June 27th, the Club were hosts at Chase Lodge, thanks to the hospitality of the School, to the Old Blues and the Old Gaytonians. The Club won the meeting with 62 points to the Old Gaytonians' 45 points and the Old Blues' 32 points. Despite this win, the evening's sport was marred by the poor support given to this first "home fixture", which had been widely circularized.

Holidays, or perhaps the fact of having a Saturday fixture, resulted in a poorly-attended match on July 7th, when only five

members turned out against the Old Latymers and the Latymer Upper School. The result was an easy win for the Old Latymers with our Club just beating the Latymer Upper School for second place. A well-attended match completed the season on July 17th, when the Old Boys, with 66 points, came second to a Shaftesbury Harriers team with 100 points. The Old Fullers were third with 34 points.

The Club has been honoured by being invited to compete next season in the Inter Old Boys meeting run by the Rutlishians. The standard of athletics at this annual meeting is very high and it is hoped that a strong team will be fielded to justify our invitation.

The Bernard Sachs Shield for the "Best Junior Athlete" has been awarded to B. Boatman, and the Club congratulates him on his excellent performances, which included gaining a "Standard" in the Southern Counties 880 yards Junior Championship.

Congratulations are offered to the Club's Track Captain, John Stagg, upon his election to the Captaincy of the Old Haberdashers' Rugby Football Club. Athletics and rugger are two sports which combine to give "all the year round" fitness and it is hoped to see more members of each Club joining the other, thereby improving the standard of both.

Many members have improved their performances during the season by hard training, and the Club looks forward to their continued support and an increase in its strength from School members and any Old Boys of the School who wish to join the Club; all enquiries should be made to the above officers who will welcome new members.

B. A. G., J. G. S.

O.H. Golfing Society

President: W. R. CLEMENS, J.P.

Captain: GEORGE BATCHELOR.

Hon. Secretary: STANLEY THOMPSON,
30, Brookland Hill, N.W.11. Tel.: SPEEdwell 4441.

The Society spent a most enjoyable day at Ashridge on May 12th, when the Spring Meeting was held. The morning round for the Ryman Cup was won by S. E. Phillips, and the afternoon foursomes by J. S. Alexander and W. Ferrier.

The Autumn Meeting is at Ashridge on October 6th. Will all members please note, as a good attendance is hoped for.

Will any Old Boy wishing to join the Society kindly write or telephone the Secretary, Stanley Thompson, as above.

O.H. Boat Club

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The early Spring still saw the Club using a borrowed VIII when and where available. It was not until mid-May that our VIII, so recently acquired, was in use again after the damage sustained in bringing it downstream to Hammersmith had been put right. We soon settled down to three regular outings a week whenever the old bogy of unreliability was overcome. Some good progress was made and we entered Junior VIIIs at Horseferry Regatta, more for experience than results. A few hours before the race three substitutes had to be hurriedly found owing to a catastrophic series of illnesses, and needless to say this scratch crew lost in the first heat to Mortlake R.C. and the School 1st VIII. Some very useful coaching by B. Wilson brought the crew on well, but unfortunately races with Worcester Union B.C. and Mortlake R.C. had to be cancelled, the former because of serious damage to our opponent's VIII and the latter through O.H. being unable to raise a crew because of examinations.

The race with the School 2nd VIII had regrettably to be called off at the last minute owing to the uncertainty of the Old Boys being even able to turn up. However, the season ended on a much brighter note. Two of the School's 1st VIII rowing for the Old Boys at Bedford Regatta gave us the strongest VIII of the season. In the Maiden VIIIs we won the first heat against Peterborough City R.C. and went on to lose in the quarter-finals to King's School R.C., Chester, who reached the final. We also had a sculler entered without success.

The early Autumn starts the enjoyable round of Club Regattas when everyone has a race and a chance to win a pewter pot. Next season we look forward to more settled conditions and a slight increase in membership, which should help us to put out an improved VIII.

Much of this season's rowing has been spoilt for the majority by the very poor time-keeping and apparently complete thoughtlessness of the few who occasionally never show up at all. The Committee stresses that, when travel to the river takes up so much time, a really big effort should be made by all to see that Club outings start punctually.

M. J. D.

O.H. Rifle Club

(Affiliated to N.S.R.A. and the Middlesex S.R.A.).

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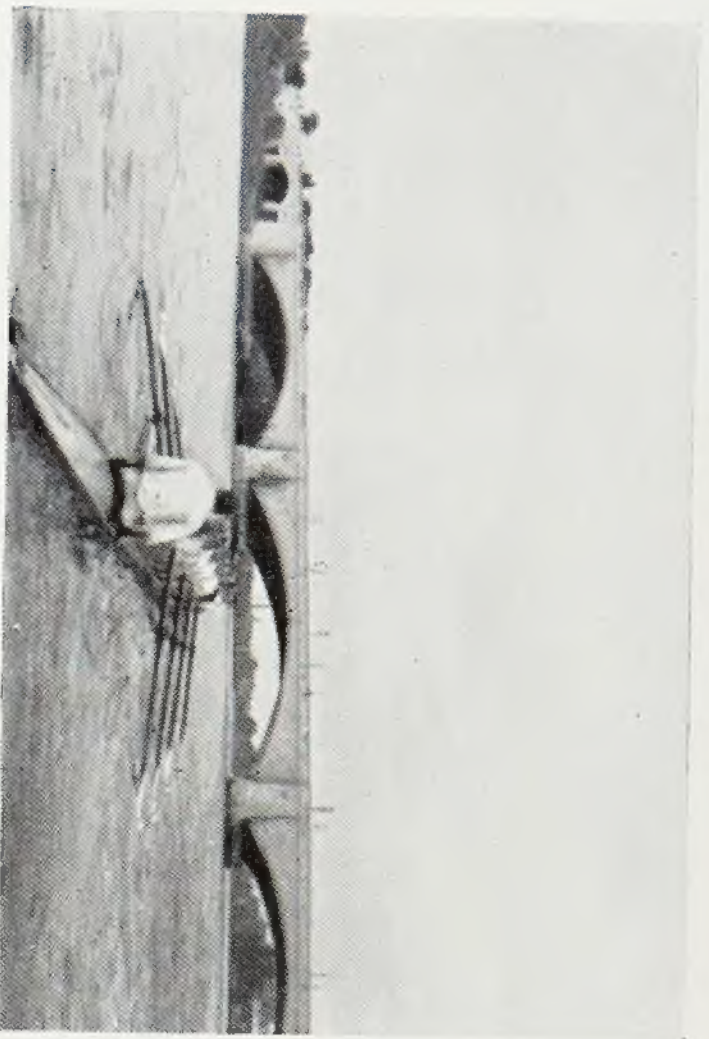
At a committee meeting of the Old Boys' Club in June this year, the formation of the Rifle Club was proposed and officially accepted. The committee was duly satisfied with arrangements made, and the Rifle Club would like to thank all Old Boys who gave their guidance in this matter. Many advantages have been gained by affiliation with the National and County Associations and altogether the club is in good hands.

Regular weekly shooting has taken place since the summer, both open range at Bisley and miniature range at Kingsbury. Full-bore shooting has ceased until next year, and concentration is now being placed on the preparation of two small-bore teams sufficiently competent to enter the County League next year. Friendly matches are being arranged during this time to enable members to gain experience of conditions in league competition.

In the London and Middlesex Open Meeting at Bisley, our two teams were by no means outclassed amongst opposition such as City of London and St. Paul's Old Boys. One of our members made the highest score of the competition, and O.H. finished fourth and sixth.

Finally it must be emphasized that small-bore shooting takes place every week, at no charge, at Kingsbury, and all Old Haberdashers are most welcome to take advantage of these facilities. If you are interested you may start immediately. Intending members are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary.

A. E. M.



The Old Boys' VIII



School VIII v. C.L.S. VIII at the Thames Dilton Regatta

Willesden Regatta, Welsh Harp



The Heidelberg Crew on the Welsh Harp





SAXON TOWER AT EARLS BARTON

by R. P. Lansdell, VIb Mod.

